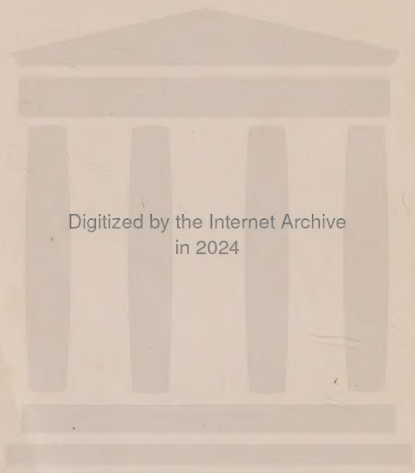
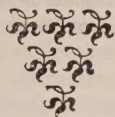


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PREFACE TO THE ENLARGED EDITION

WHEN *Songs of Praise* was first published in 1925, the object was to make, so far as was then possible, a collection of hymns that should be national in character; and a hope was expressed in the Preface that the book might be of use to those who bear the responsibility of our national education. The response which followed exceeded all expectations. A County Education Authority immediately issued, through the Oxford University Press, *Prayers and Hymns for Use in Schools*, with *Songs of Praise* as its basis; and many of the greatest Education Authorities have since taken the same course, till it has become evident that the national character of *Songs of Praise* is already established.

Meanwhile, *Songs of Praise* has been adopted by many churches; and its very success has shown the necessity of producing an enlarged edition. This question of enlargement was discussed during a conference in 1929 at which over twelve hundred people were present, and it was decided to assist the work by the formation of a special committee. A series of meetings was also held in the north of England at which eighty-nine parsons discussed the various hymns in common use, votes being registered and tabulated. Two other bodies of representative men and women were

also consulted on the subject of both additions and omissions. Moreover, ever since the first appearance of *Songs of Praise*, invaluable help has been received in continuous conference and co-operation with County Education Authorities and with the masters and mistresses of both Primary and Secondary Schools in different parts of the country.

Very great assistance has been given in these ways to the difficult task of deciding between the respective merits of hymns that have association values. Such hymns, with their tunes, should be included whenever they reach an adequate standard. At the same time our advisers and we ourselves have borne well in mind the fact that our churches, both Anglican and Free Church, have alienated during the last half-century much of the strongest character and intelligence of the Nation by the use of weak verse and music, and that the process of attraction or repulsion takes place every time a service is held. The position to-day is not easy. On the one hand it must be admitted that occasionally, to use the words of hymn 309, 'Time makes ancient good uncouth,' and the very success, for instance, of oversea work may cause a missionary hymn to be no longer in accordance with facts; yet it is none the less plain that new poems, expressing truth as we can grasp it to-day, have to be introduced gradually, since use and wont must be strong factors among those who have not given up

church-going. New tunes also, however splendid, have to be sung a few times before ordinary people come to love them. But it must also be remembered that these tunes are now being taught in the schools and are already becoming familiar in many cities and counties: there is indeed already evidence that young people who have learnt better things at school will not be content to revert to a poorer standard in church.

Much attention has been given to the supply of an ample selection of stirring hymns for such long seasons as the four weeks of Advent, those after Christmas and Epiphany, and the six weeks after Easter. Special occasions have also been fully provided for; and the General section (now printed at the end of the book, to allow of possible additions, in years to come, without alteration of the numbers) has been greatly enlarged. All this has been accomplished, not only by the inclusion of well-known and deservedly loved hymns, but also by the discovery or rediscovery of many fine poems and magnificent tunes. We have, indeed, attempted in *Songs of Praise* to meet the new spiritual and intellectual needs which are so widely felt to-day; and we have endeavoured at the same time to preserve in their best form all those older lyrics, melodies, and settings which have made our British and American hymnody the greatest in the world.

We cannot conclude without grateful mention of the late Poet Laureate, Robert Bridges, whose

genius as a poet and lover of good music began the present revival of hymnody. His *Yattendon Hymnal* (the initials of which are printed at the head of his hymns, in accordance with his wish) was published in 1899 by the Oxford University Press, and was the first challenge to the debased hymnody of that era: his noble hymns were first brought into common use and popularized throughout the world by the *English Hymnal* in 1906; and his example and help have been with us in all our subsequent work. It was due to his initiative that hymnody first recovered from the contempt into which it had fallen. In the future, intelligent men will be able to take up a hymn-book and read it with as much interest and appreciation as any other collection of poetry or music. Dr. Bridges died while our proofs were in the press. The number of his contributions to *Songs of Praise* had then already been increased, and more hymns had also been added from the pen of his successor in the Laureateship, Mr. Masefield.

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FROM THE PREFACE TO THE ORIGINAL EDITION

IN this book we have endeavoured to make a national collection of hymns for use in public worship, and also of such 'spiritual songs' as are akin to hymns and suitable for certain kinds of services in church, as well as for schools, lecture meetings, and other public gatherings. *Songs of Praise* is intended to be national, in the sense of including a full expression of that faith which is common to the English-speaking peoples to-day, both in the British Commonwealth and in the United States, to which latter country we owe so many of the best nineteenth-century hymns.

All the hymn-books of the present century, notably the *English Hymnal* in its great and increasing success, have shown that the present generation desires to enter into the heritage of noble religious verse which is ours. That heritage is ours by right of the great poetry in which the English tongue is supreme, by right also of the magnificent prose which since Coverdale and Cranmer has formed the substance of our Christian worship, though it was never adequately matched by the hymns in common use. Our English hymns, indeed, few of which are earlier than Dr. Watts and most of which were the product of the Victorian era, were not in that era worthy of the English Bible and the English

Prayer Book; and the bulk of the tunes to which they were sung illustrated a period of British music which the musicians of to-day are anxious to forget, and which, fortunately for our reputation, has been superseded by a national revival that has now given our music a foremost place in Europe again. It is therefore a hopeful sign that all our newer hymnals have shown courage in replacing many weak and poor hymns by words and music more worthy of our great traditions and more suitable to be used in the worship of God. Some courage in omission will indeed be a necessary part of the religious recovery for which the Churches look: we have all become accustomed to unworthy things which came into use because the older books provided nothing better, and each of us has to make a sacrifice of old habits now and again for the common good. A collection of standard hymns cannot be of enormous bulk; and the bad must go in order that the good may be added. Most people will miss one or two familiar hymns from this, as indeed from any other modern collection; but if they will read such hymns over carefully and dispassionately they will understand the omission. At the same time it must be remembered that a hymn-book can never be the same as an anthology: practical considerations cause the retention of some hymns which editors would otherwise omit; musical considerations affect the position of others.

There had been 400,000 hymns in common use by the end of the nineteenth century (of which over 600 were written by Isaac Watts, and at least 6,500 by Charles Wesley): yet in seven important and representative hymnals published during the last nineteen years there are only sixteen hymns common to them all, and fifty which are common to the six largest of them—only sixteen which they all agree to treat as indispensable. Such is the enormous disparity between the mass of hymns which has been offered by various compilers and the minute collection which has been universally accepted. Since, however, there must be more than fifty fine hymns in our language, it is manifest that the canons of acceptance need improving as well as the canons of rejection. There have been in fact something like two hundred really good hymns in common use (besides many unused); and there are others which are convenient, and in varying degrees sufficient in quality, to be selected from the thousands of hymns that exist. Besides these, every good collection of hymns, like every collection of songs, must contain a certain number of ‘carriers’—of pieces, that is, which have been written to carry a particularly fine tune in some unusual metre, and which must at least be free from obvious faults in technique and sense. Some of these, from the days of Shakespeare onwards, have been very happy. In the present collection we have in some cases endeavoured to find such

means for recovering old tunes of exceptional vigour and beauty; we have also endeavoured to provide new tunes which may bring into use some famous lyrics or excerpts from lyrics by poets whose names will be found in the index; and we have discovered some fine hymns which have not hitherto been available for common use. Among these are a few congregational songs, to which the name of 'cansons' has been applied: some of these are suitable, as we have said, for special services in church, others for use in schools, at lectures, and at the best kind of public meeting, which will, we hope, be increasingly graced by corporate singing. Perhaps of especial use in this way, as well as at the conclusion of services, will be the Doxologies, which we have gathered in a section by themselves, and have treated, not as mere endings of hymns, but as independent acts of praise, strong in their music and easily remembered.

In the Music Edition is printed a *Table of Hymns Arranged for Sundays throughout the Year*, as a help to those who have the difficult and responsible task of choosing the hymns to be sung in church. Some hymns have indeed been greatly overworked, and among these we may mention the so easily chosen evening hymns, of which thousands exist, many being marked by a rather somnolent sentimentality which must have tended to depress rather than to raise the spiritual

vigour of those who sang them. If the Churches are to recover during the present century the ground which was lost during the last, much will depend upon the hymn-books used, but much also upon the way the hymns are chosen for each week.

It is hoped that this book will be found specially suitable for young people, and may prove not unacceptable to those who bear the responsibility of our national education. With this end in view, the hymns most suitable for young people are marked ° in the Index, and in the Small Edition the hymns themselves are distinguished by this sign. Even young children (for whom a section is provided in Part VI) should be brought up on the standard hymns, and it is supremely important that they should know and love the best simple hymns and tunes that are sung by adults.

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BOOK I, PART I

TIMES AND SEASONS

NEW YEAR

1

H. Downton,† 1818-85.

FOR thy mercy and thy grace,
Faithful through another year,
Hear our song of thankfulness,
Father and Redeemer, hear.

- 2 Lo, our sins on thee we cast,
Lo, to thee we now arise
And, forgetting all the past,
Press towards our glorious prize.
- 3 Dark the future: let thy light
Guide us, bright and morning Star;
Fierce our foes, and hard the fight:
Arm us, Saviour, for the war.
- 4 In our weakness and distress,
Rock of strength, be thou our stay;
In the pathless wilderness
Be our true and living way.
5. Keep us faithful, keep us pure,
Keep us evermore thine own:
Help, O help us to endure;
Fit us for the promised crown.

See also

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SPRING

2

J. Newton,† 1725-1807.

KINDLY spring again is here,
 Trees and fields in bloom appear;
 Hark! the birds with artless lays
 Warble their creator's praise.

- 2 Where in winter all was snow,
 Now the flowers in clusters grow;
 And the corn, in green array,
 Promises a harvest-day.

- 3 Lord, afford a spring to me,
 Let me feel like what I see;
 Speak, and by thy gracious voice,
 Make my drooping soul rejoice.

4. On thy garden deign to smile,
 Raise the plants, enrich the soil;
 Soon thy presence will restore
 Life to what seemed dead before.

3 *Spring Festival.*

Rose Fyleman.

LIFT your hidden faces,
 Ye who wept and prayed;
 Leave your covert places,
 Ye who were afraid.
 Here 's a golden story,
 Here is silver news,
 Here be gifts of glory
 For all men to choose:

Alleluya, alleluya!
Praise the Lord with thanksgiving:
Praises sing to God.

2 Now from mead and spinney,
 Now from flood and foam,
 Feathered, furred, and finny,
 All ye creatures come.
 Here ye shall discover
 That for which ye wait;
 Winter days are over,
 Sing and celebrate:

3. Fathers, leave your labours;
 Sons, be glad and gay;
 Tell your friends and neighbours
 Of our holy-day.
 Joyfully forgather;
 Sorrow now is done:
 We have found a Father,
 We have found a Son:

4 *Flower Carol. Piaæ Cantiones (1582), Tr. O. B. C.*

- SPRING has now unwrapped the flowers,
 Day is fast reviving,
 Life in all her growing powers
 Towards the light is striving:
 Gone the iron touch of cold,
 Winter time and frost time,
 Seedlings, working through the mould,
 Now make up for lost time.
- 2 Herb and plant that, winter long,
 Slumbered at their leisure,
 Now bestirring, green and strong,
 Find in growth their pleasure:
 All the world with beauty fills,
 Gold the green enhancing;
 Flowers make merry on the hills,
 Set the meadows dancing.
- 3 Through each wonder of fair days
 God himself expresses;
 Beauty follows all his ways,
 As the world he blesses:
 So, as he renews the earth,
 Artist without rival,
 In his grace of glad new birth
 We must seek revival.
- 4*Earth is garbed in revelry,
 Flowers and grasses hide her;
 We go forth in charity—
 Brothers all beside her;
 For, as man this glory sees
 In the awakening season,
 Reason learns the heart's decrees,
 Hearts are led by reason.

5. Praise the Maker, all ye saints;
He with glory girt you,
He who skies and meadows paints
Fashioned all your virtue;
Praise him, seers, heroes, kings,
Heralds of perfection;
Brothers, praise him, for he brings
All to resurrection!

5 *Easter Song.* *Christina Rossetti, 1830-94.*

SPRING bursts to-day,
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.

2 Flash forth, thou sun,
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.

3 Winter is past,
Sweet spring is come at last, is come at last.

4 Bud, fig and vine,
Bud, olive, fat with fruit and oil, and wine.

5 Break forth this morn
In roses, thou but yesterday a thorn.

6 Uplift thy head,
O pure white lily through the winter dead.

7 Beside your dams
Leap and rejoice, you merry-making lambs.

8 All herds and flocks
Rejoice, all beasts of thickets and of rocks.

9. Sing, creatures, sing,
Angels and men and birds, and everything.

Robert Browning, 1812-89.

THE year's at the spring,
 And day's at the morn;
 Morning's at seven;
 The hill-side's dew-pearled;
 The lark's on the wing;
 The snail's on the thorn;
 God's in his heaven—
 All's right with the world!

See also

19 Hark, my soul, how every-	650 Sweet day, so cool
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30 Morning has broken	21 When spring unlocks

SUMMER

Bishop Walsham How, 1823-97.

SUMMER suns are glowing
 Over land and sea,
 Happy light is flowing
 Bountiful and free.
 Everything rejoices
 In the mellow rays,
 All earth's thousand voices
 Swell the psalm of praise.

2 God's free mercy streameth
 Over all the world,
 And his banner gleameth
 Everywhere unfurled.
 Broad and deep and glorious
 As the heaven above,
 Shines in might victorious
 His eternal love.

- 3 Lord, upon our blindness
 Thy pure radiance pour;
 For thy loving-kindness
 Make us love thee more.
 And when clouds are drifting
 Dark across our sky,
 Then, the veil uplifting,
 Father, be thou nigh.
4. We will never doubt thee,
 Though thou veil thy light:
 Life is dark without thee;
 Death with thee is bright.
 Light of light! shine o'er us
 On our pilgrim way,
 Go thou still before us
 To the endless day.

8

S. Longfellow, † 1819-92.

THE summer days are come again;
 Once more the glad earth yields
 Her golden wealth of ripening grain,
 And breath of clover fields,
 And deepening shade of summer woods,
 And glow of summer air,
 And winging thoughts, and happy moods
 Of love and joy and prayer.

2. The summer days are come again;
 The birds are on the wing;
 God's praises, in their loving strain,
 Unconsciously they sing.
 We know who giveth all the good
 That doth our cup o'erbrim;
 For summer joy in field and wood
 We lift our song to him.

See also

439 All creatures
 444 *All things bright*
 19 Hark, my soul, how

518 Here in the country's
 heart
 21 When spring unlocks

HARVEST

9

H. Alford, ‡ 1810-71.

COME, ye thankful people, come,
 Raise the song of harvest-home!
 All be safely gathered in,
 Ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our Maker, doth provide
 For our wants to be supplied;
 Come to God's own temple, come;
 Raise the song of harvest-home!

2 All this world is God's own field,
 Fruit unto his praise to yield;
 Wheat and tares together sown,
 Unto joy or sorrow grown;
 First the blade and then the ear,
 Then the full corn shall appear:
 Lord of harvest, grant that we
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
 And shall take his harvest home;
 From his field shall purge away
 All that doth offend to-day;
 Give his angels charge at last
 In the fire the tares to cast,
 But the fruitful wheat to store
 In his barn for evermore.

- 4.* Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

10

J. Hampden Gurney, 1802-62.

- FAIR waved the golden corn
In Canaan's pleasant land,
When full of joy, some shining morn,
Went forth the reaper-band.
- 2 To God so good and great
Their cheerful thanks they pour;
Then carry to his temple-gate
The choicest of their store.
- 3 Like Israel, Lord, we give
Our earliest fruits to thee,
And pray that, long as we shall live,
We may thy children be.
- 4 Thine is our youthful prime,
And life and all its powers;
Be with us in our morning time,
And bless our evening hours.
5. In wisdom let us grow,
As years and strength are given,
That we may serve thy Church below,
And join thy saints in heaven.

11

Eleanor Farjeon.

FIELDS of corn, give up your ears,
Now your ears are heavy,
Wheat and oats and barley-spears,
All your harvest-levy.
Where your sheaves of plenty lean,
Men once more the grain shall glean
Of the Ever-Living;
God the Lord will bless the field,
Bringing in its autumn yield
Gladly to Thanksgiving.

2 Vines, send in your bunch of grapes,
Now the bunch is clustered,
Be your gold and purple shapes
Round the altar mustered.
Where the hanging bunches shine
Men once more shall taste the wine
Of the Ever-Living;
God the Lord will bless the root,
Bringing in its autumn fruit
Gladly to Thanksgiving.

3. Garden, give your gayest flowers,
Hedge, your wildest bring in,
Turn the churches into bowers
Little birds shall sing in.
Where the children sing their glee
Men once more the flower shall see
Of the Ever-Living;
God the Lord will bless the throng,
Lifting up its autumn song
Gladly in Thanksgiving.

12 (*Other occasions also.*)*Ps.* 136.*J. Milton, ‡ 1608-74.*

LET us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:

*For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

2 Let us blaze his name abroad,
For of gods he is the God:

3* He with all-commanding might
Filled the new-made world with light:

4 He the golden-tressèd sun
Caused all day his course to run:

5 The hornèd moon to shine by night,
'Mid her spangled sisters bright:

6 All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:

7.* Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:

13

W. Chatterton Dix, 1837-98.

TO thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
In hymns of adoration;

To thee bring sacrifice of praise
With shouts of exultation.

Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
The hills with joy are ringing,

The valleys stand so thick with corn
That even they are singing.

- 2 And now, on this our festal day,
 Thy bounteous hand confessing,
 Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
 The first-fruits of thy blessing;
 By thee the souls of men are fed
 With gifts of grace supernal;
 Thou who dost give us daily bread,
 Give us the Bread eternal.
- 3 We bear the burden of the day,
 And often toil seems dreary;
 But labour ends with sunset ray,
 And rest is for the weary;
 May we, the angel-reaping o'er,
 Stand at the last accepted,
 Christ's golden sheaves for evermore
 To garner bright elected.
- 4.*O blessèd is that land of God,
 Where saints abide for ever;
 Where golden fields spread fair and broad,
 Where flows the crystal river:
 The strains of all its holy throng
 With ours to-day are blending;
 Thrice blessèd is that harvest-song
 Which never hath an ending.

14 *M. Claudius, 1740-1815. Tr. J. M. Campbell,*
 Wir pflügen und wir streuen.

WE plough the fields, and scatter
 The good seed on the land,
 But it is fed and watered
 By God's almighty hand:

He sends the snow in winter,
 The warmth to swell the grain,
 The breezes and the sunshine,
 And soft refreshing rain:

*All good gifts around us
 Are sent from heaven above;
 Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
 For all his love.*

- 2 He only is the maker
 Of all things near and far,
 He paints the wayside flower,
 He lights the evening star.
 The winds and waves obey him,
 By him the birds are fed;
 Much more to us, his children,
 He gives our daily bread:
3. We thank thee then, O Father,
 For all things bright and good;
 The seed-time and the harvest,
 Our life, our health, our food.
 No gifts have we to offer
 For all thy love imparts,
 But that which thou desirest,
 Our humble, thankful hearts:

See also

439 All creatures
 448 Angels holy
 494 For the beauty
 499 Glad that I live
 521, 3-5 He the blue heaven
 518 Here in the country's
 531 I learned it in the meadow
 350 Now thank we
 396 (I) O Father above us
 434 O most high

618 O worship the King
 403 Our Father, for our
 624 Praise the Lord!
 626 Praise to the Lord
 631 Rejoice, O land
 331 Thine are all the gifts
 376 To God who makes
 691 We thank thee
 692 We thank you
 703 Zeal of the Lord

AUTUMN

15

Bishop W. W. How, 1823-97.

THE year is swiftly waning,
 The summer days are past;
 And life, brief life, is speeding;
 The end is nearing fast.

- 2 The ever-changing seasons
 In silence come and go;
 But thou, eternal Father,
 No time or change canst know.
- 3 O pour thy grace upon us,
 That we may worthier be,
 Each year that passes o'er us,
 To dwell in heaven with thee.
- 4 Behold the bending orchards
 With bounteous fruits are crowned;
 Lord, in our hearts more richly
 Let heavenly fruits abound.
- 5* O by each mercy sent us,
 And by each grief and pain,
 By blessings like the sunshine,
 And sorrows like the rain,
- 6.* Our barren hearts make fruitful
 With every goodly grace,
 That we thy name may hallow,
 And see at last thy face.

See also

521 Hosanna! Music is divine | 12 Let us, with a gladsome

WINTER

16

S. Longfellow, 1819-92.

'TIS winter now; the fallen snow
 Has left the heavens all coldly clear;
 Through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow,
 And all the earth lies dead and drear.

2 And yet God's love is not withdrawn;
 His life within the keen air breathes;
 His beauty paints the crimson dawn,
 And clothes the boughs with glittering
 wreaths.

3 And though abroad the sharp winds blow,
 And skies are chill, and frosts are keen,
 Home closer draws her circle now,
 And warmer glows her light within.

4. O God! who giv'st the winter's cold,
 As well as summer's joyous rays,
 Us warmly in thy love enfold,
 And keep us through life's wintry days.

See also

21 When spring unlocks

SEASONS : GENERAL

17

Christopher Smart, 1722-71.

ALL the scenes of nature quicken,
 By the genial spirit fanned;
 And the painted beauties thicken,
 Coloured by the Master's hand;

2 Earth her vigour repossessing,
 As the blasts are held in ward,
 Blessing heaped and pressed on blessing,
 Yield the measure of the Lord.

3 Cowslips seize upon the fallow,
And the cardamine in white,
Where the cornflowers join the mallow,
Joy and health and thrift unite.

4 Hark! aloud the blackbird whistles,
With surrounding fragrance blest,
And the goldfinch in the thistles
Makes provision for her nest.

5. Prayer and praise be mine employment
Without grudging or regret:
Lasting life and long enjoyment
Are not here, and are not yet.

(Cardamines are lady-smocks.)

18

Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933.

BY the breadth of the blue that shines in
silence o'er me,
By the length of the mountain-lines that
stretch before me,
By the height of the cloud that sails, with rest
in motion,
Over the plains and the vales to the measure-
less ocean,
(O, how the sight of the things that are great
enlarges the eyes!)

Draw me away from myself to the peace of the
hills and the skies.

2 While the tremulous leafy haze on the wood-
land is spreading,
And the bloom on the meadow betrays where
May has been treading;

While the birds on the branches above, and the
brooks flowing under,
Are singing together of love in a world full of
wonder,

(Lo, in the marvel of springtime, dreams are
changed into truth!)

Quicken my heart, and restore the beautiful
hopes of youth.

3 By the faith that the flowers show when they
bloom unbidden,

By the calm of the river's flow to a goal that is
hidden,

By the trust of the tree that clings to its deep
foundation,

By the courage of wild birds' wings on the long
migration,

(Wonderful secret of peace that abideth in
Nature's breast!)

Teach me how to confide, and live my life, and
rest.

4. For the comforting warmth of the sun that my
body embraces,

For the cool of the waters that run through the
shadowy places,

For the balm of the breezes that brush my face
with their fingers,

For the vesper-hymn of the thrush when the
twilight lingers,

Now with a breath that is deep-drawn, breath
of a heart without care,

I will give thanks and adore thee, God of the
open air !

19

J. Austin, 1613-69.

HARK, my soul, how everything
Strives to serve our bounteous King;
Each a double tribute pays,
Sings its part, and then obeys.

2 Nature's chief and sweetest choir
Him with cheerful notes admire;
Chanting every day their lauds,
While the grove their song applauds.

3 Though their voices lower be,
Streams have too their melody;
Night and day they warbling run,
Never pause, but still sing on.

4 All the flowers that gild the spring
Hither their still music bring;
If heaven bless them, thankful, they
Smell more sweet, and look more gay.

5* Wake! for shame, my sluggish heart,
Wake! and gladly sing thy part;
Learn of birds, and springs, and flowers,
How to use thy nobler powers.

6. Call whole nature to thy aid,
Since 'twas he whole nature made;
Join in one eternal song,
Who to one God all belong.

20

Thomas Moore, 1779–1852.

THOU art, O God, the life and light
Of all this wondrous world we see;
Its glow by day, its smile by night,
Are but reflections caught from thee:
Where'er we turn, thy glories shine,
And all things fair and bright are thine.

- 2 When day with farewell beam delays
Among the opening clouds of even,
And we can almost think we gaze
Through golden vistas into heaven,—
Those hues that make the sun's decline
So soft, so radiant, Lord, are thine.
- 3 When night with wings of starry gloom
O'ershadows all the earth and skies,
Like some dark beauteous bird whose plume
Is sparkling with unnumbered eyes,—
That sacred gloom, those fires divine,
So grand, so countless, Lord, are thine.
4. *When youthful spring around us breathes,
Thy Spirit warms her fragrant sigh,
And every flower the summer wreathes
Is born beneath that kindling eye,—
Where'er we turn, thy glories shine,
And all things fair and bright are thine.

21

Bishop R. Heber, 1783–1826.

WHEN spring unlocks the flowers, to paint
the laughing soil;
When summer's balmy showers refresh the
mower's toil;

When winter binds in frosty chains the fallow
and the flood;

In God the earth rejoiceth still, and owns his
maker good.

- 2 The birds that wake the morning, and those
that love the shade;

The winds that sweep the mountain, or lull
the drowsy glade;

The sun that from his amber bower rejoiceth
on his way,

The moon and stars—their master's name in
silent pomp display.

- 3 Shall man, the lord of nature, expectant of the
sky,

Shall man alone, unthankful, his little praise
deny?

No; let the year forsake his course, the seasons
cease to be,

Thee, Master, must we always love, and,
Saviour, honour thee.

- 4.*The flowers of spring may wither, the hope
of summer fade,

The autumn droop in winter, the birds forsake
the shade;

The winds be lulled, the sun and moon forget
their old decree:

But we, in nature's latest hour, O Lord, will
cling to thee!

See also

439 All creatures

444 *All things bright*

445 All things which live

448 Angels holy

421 *Benedicite*

494 For the beauty

521 Hosanna! Music is divine

434 *Song of the Creatures.*
O most high

659 The spacious firmament

664 There is a book

690 We sing of God

691 We thank thee, Lord

692 We thank you

SUNDAY

22 *Sunday Morning. Edmund Spenser, c. 1552-99.*

MOST glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and
sin,

And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:

2 This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou diddest
die,

Being with thy dear blood clean washed from
sin,

May live for ever in felicity:

3 And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again;
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain;

4. So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

23 *Isaac Watts, 1674-1748.*

THIS is the day the Lord hath made;

He calls the hours his own;

Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,

And praise surround the throne.

2 To-day he rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
To-day the saints his triumphs spread,
And all his wonders tell.

3 Hosanna to the anointed King,
To David's holy Son!

Make haste to help us, Lord, and bring
Salvation from thy throne.

- 4 Blest be the Lord, who comes to men
 With messages of grace;
 Who comes, in God his Father's name,
 To save our sinful race.
5. Hosanna in the highest strains
 The Church on earth can raise;
 The highest heavens in which he reigns
 Shall give him nobler praise.

See also

390 Welcome, Day of the Lord

MORNING

24

W. Bright, 1824-1901.

- AT thy feet, O Christ, we lay
 Thine own gift of this new day;
 Doubt of what it holds in store
 Makes us crave thine aid the more;
 Lest it prove a time of loss,
 Mark it, Saviour, with thy cross.
- 2 If it flow on calm and bright,
 Be thyself our chief delight;
 If it bring unknown distress,
 Good is all that thou canst bless;
 Only, while its hours begin,
 Pray we, keep them clear of sin.
- 3* Fain would we thy word embrace,
 Live each moment on thy grace,
 All our selves to thee consign,
 Fold up all our wills in thine,
 Think, and speak, and do, and be
 Simply that which pleases thee.

4. Hear us, Lord, and that right soon;
Hear, and grant the choicest boon
That thy love can e'er impart,
Loyal singleness of heart;
So shall this and all our days,
Christ our God, show forth thy praise.

25

Bishop T. Ken, 1637-1711.

- A**WAKE, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 Redeem thy mis-spent time that 's past;
Live this day as if 'twere thy last;
Improve thy talent with due care;
For the great day thyself prepare.
 - 3 Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
Think how all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.
 - 4 By influence of the Light divine
Let thy own light in good works shine;
Reflect all heaven's propitious ways
In ardent love and cheerful praise.

PART II

- 5 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
And with the angels bear thy part,
Who all night long unwearied sing
High praise to the eternal King.
- 6 Awake, awake, ye heavenly choir,
May your devotion me inspire,
That I like you my age may spend,
Like you may on my God attend.

PART III

- 7 Glory to thee, who safe hast kept
And hast refreshed me whilst I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake
I may of endless light partake.
- 8 Heaven is, dear Lord, where'er thou art,
O never then from me depart;
For to my soul 'tis hell to be
But for one moment void of thee.
- 9 Lord, I my vows to thee renew;
Scatter my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with thyself my spirit fill.
- 10 Direct, control, suggest, this day
All I design, or do, or say;
That all my powers, with all their might,
In thy sole glory may unite.

Doxology after any Part

11. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

26

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

CHRIST, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
 Unaccompanied by thee;
 Joyless is the day's return,
 Till thy mercy's beams I see;
 Till they inward light impart,
 Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine,
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
 Fill me, radiancy divine,
 Scatter all my unbelief;
 More and more thyself display,
 Shining to the perfect day.

27

*C. Knorr, Baron von Rosenroth, 1636-89.**Tr. R. Massie† (1857).**Morgenglanz der Ewigkeit.*

COME, thou bright and morning star,
 Light of light, without beginning,
 Shine upon us from afar,
 Like the morn when mists are thinning;
 Drive away by thy clear light
 Our dark night.

- 2 Let thy grace, like morning dew
 Falling on the barren places,
 Comfort, quicken, and renew
 All dry souls and dying graces;
 Bless thy flock from thy rich store
 Evermore.
- 3 May thy fervent love destroy
 All cold works, in us awaking
 Ardent courage, zeal, and joy,
 At the purple morn's first breaking;
 Let us truly rise, ere yet
 Life has set.

- 4.* Light us to the heavenly spheres,
 Sun of grace, in glory shrouded;
 Lead us through this vale of tears,
 To the land where days unclouded,
 Purest joy, and perfect peace,
 Never cease.

28

*Ascr. to St. Gregory. 6th cent.
 Tr. E. H.*

Nocte surgentes.

FATHER, we praise thee, now the night is
 over,
 Active and watchful, stand we all before thee;
 Singing we offer prayer and meditation:
 Thus we adore thee.

- 2 Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;
 Banish our weakness, health and wholeness
 sending;
 Bring us to heaven, where thy saints united
 Joy without ending.
3. All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
 Trinity blessèd, send us thy salvation;
 Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding
 Through all creation.

29

(Noon also.)

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

FORTH in thy name, O Lord, I go,
 My daily labour to pursue;
 Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
 In all I think, or speak, or do.

- 2 Preserve me from my calling's snare,
And hide my simple heart above,
Above the thorns of choking care,
The gilded baits of worldly love.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.
- 4 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;
5. For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

30 *Thanks for a Day.* *Eleanor Farjeon.*

MORNING has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

31

J. Keble, 1792-1866.

NEW every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.

- 2 New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
- 3* If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.
- 4 Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be,
As more of heaven in each we see;
Some softening gleam of love and prayer
Shall dawn on every cross and care.

- 5 We need not bid, for cloistered cell,
 Our neighbour and our work farewell,
 Nor strive to wind ourselves too high
 For sinful man beneath the sky:
- 6 The trivial round, the common task,
 Would furnish all we ought to ask,—
 Room to deny ourselves, a road
 To bring us daily nearer God.
- 7.*Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
 Fit us for perfect rest above;
 And help us this and every day
 To live more nearly as we pray.

32 *H. Albert, 1604–51. Tr. H. J. Buckoll‡ (1842).*

Gott des Himmels und der Erden.

NOW the morn new light is pouring:
 Lord, may we our spirits raise,
 Through thy grace our souls restoring;
 So, on thy great day of days,
 We with joy its dawn may meet
 Fearless at the mercy-seat.

- 2 Jesus, who our steps art guiding
 By thy word's celestial light,
 Now and evermore abiding,
 Our defence, our rock of might:
 Nowhere, save alone in thee,
 Can we rest from danger free.
3. Lo! we yield to thy direction
 Soul and body, heart and mind;
 Keep thou all by thy protection,
 To thy mighty hand resigned.
 Thee our glorious God we own;
 Let us, Lord, be thine alone.

33

*St. Ambrose, 340-97. Tr. Y. H.**Splendor paternae gloriae.*

- O** SPLENDOR of God's glory bright,
 O thou that bringest light from light,
 O Light of light, light's living spring,
 O Day, all days illumining,
- 2 O thou true Sun, on us thy glance
 Let fall in royal radiance,
 The Spirit's sanctifying beam
 Upon our earthly senses stream.
- 3 The Father, too, our prayers implore,
 Father of glory evermore;
 The Father of all grace and might,
 To banish sin from our delight:
- 4 To guide whate'er we nobly do,
 With love all envy to subdue,
 To make ill-fortune turn to fair,
 And give us grace our wrongs to bear.

PART II

- 5 Our mind be in his keeping placed,
 Our body true to him and chaste,
 Where only faith her fire shall feed,
 To burn the tares of Satan's seed.
- 6 And Christ to us for food shall be,
 From him our drink that wellethe free,
 The Spirit's wine, that maketh whole,
 And, mocking not, exalts the soul.
- 7 Rejoicing may this day go hence,
 Like virgin dawn our innocence,
 Like fiery noon our faith appear,
 Nor know the gloom of twilight drear.

- 8 Morn in her rosy car is borne;
 Let him come forth, our perfect Morn,
 The Word in God the Father one,
 The Father perfect in the Son.

Doxology after either Part

9. All laud to God the Father be,
 All praise, eternal Son, to thee;
 All glory, as is ever meet,
 To God the holy Paraclete.

(For a short morning hymn, verses 1, 2, 3, or 1, 2, 8, or 7, 8,
 are suitable.)

34

Thomas Carlyle, 1795-1881.

- SO here hath been dawning
 Another blue day.
 Think, wilt thou let it
 Slip useless away?
- 2 Out of eternity
 This new day is born;
 Into eternity,
 At night, will return.
- 3 Behold it aforetime
 No eye ever did:
 So soon it for ever
 From all eyes is hid.
4. Here hath been dawning
 Another blue day.
 Think, wilt thou let it
 Slip useless away?

35

C. Coffin (1736). Tr. Abp. Benson (1860).

O Luce qui mortalibus.

THE splendours of thy glory, Lord,
 Hath no man seen nor known,
 And highest angels veil their eyes
 Before thy shining throne.

- 2 So bright a day for us prepared,
 For us thou hast in store,
 That this all-glorious sun shall fade
 Its sevenfold light before.
- 3 When mortal bonds are rent, my God,
 My soul to thee shall soar,
 And see thy face, and praise thee well,
 And love thee evermore.
4. Grant us, O Lord, thy splendid peace,
 Fair love and saintly might;
 And on our dim and fleeting day
 Shed thine immortal light.

36

Based on Robert Herrick, 1591-1634.

WHEN virgin morn doth call thee to arise,
 Come thus in sober joy to sacrifice:

- 2 First wash thy heart in innocence, then bring
 Pure hands, pure habits; make pure every-
 thing.
- 3 Next humbly kneel before God's throne, and
 thence
 Give up thy soul in clouds of frankincense.
4. Censers of gold, thus filled with odours sweet,
 Shall make thy actions with their ends to meet.

37

*Prudentius, b. 348. Tr. R. M. Pope.**Nox et tenebrae et nubila.*

YE clouds and darkness, hosts of night,
 That breed confusion and affright,
 Begone! o'erhead the dawn shines clear,
 The light breaks in and Christ is here.

- 2 Earth's gloom flees broken and dispersed,
 By the sun's piercing shafts coerced:
 The day-star's eyes rain influence bright,
 And colours glimmer back to sight.
- 3 Thee, Christ, alone we know; to thee
 We bend in pure simplicity;
 Our songs with tears to thee arise;
 Prove thou our hearts with thy clear eyes.
4. Though we be stained with blots within,
 Thy quickening rays shall purge our sin;
 Light of the Morning Star, thy grace
 Shed on us from thy cloudless face.

38

George Gascoigne, c. 1525-77.

YOU that have spent the silent night
 In sleep and quiet rest,
 And joy to see the cheerful light
 That riseth in the east,

- 2 Now clear your voice, now cheer your heart,
 Come help me now to sing;
 Each willing wight come bear a part,
 To praise the heavenly King.
- 3 The little birds which sing so sweet
 Are like the angels' voice,
 Which render God his praises meet,
 And teach us to rejoice.

34 SONGS OF PRAISE, PART I

- 4 And as they more esteem that mirth
Than dread the night's annoy,
So must we deem our days on earth
But hell to heavenly joy.
- 5 Unto which joys for to attain
God grant us all his grace,
And send us after worldly pain
In heaven to have a place;
6. Where we may still enjoy that light,
Which never shall decay:
Lord, for thy mercy lend us might
To see that joyful day.

NOON

39 (*Or other hours.*) *J. Ellerton, 1826-93.*

- B**EHOLD us, Lord, a little space
From daily tasks set free,
And met within thy holy place
To rest awhile with thee.
- 2 Around us rolls the ceaseless tide
Of business, toil, and care;
And scarcely can we turn aside
For one brief hour of prayer.
- 3 Yet these are not the only walls
Wherein thou may'st be sought;
On homeliest work thy blessing falls,
In truth and patience wrought.
- 4 Thine is the loom, the forge, the mart,
The wealth of land and sea;
The worlds of science and of art,
Revealed and ruled by thee.

5 Then let us prove our heavenly birth
 In all we do and know;
 And claim the kingdom of the earth
 For thee, and not thy foe.

6.*Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought
 As thou would'st have it done;
 And prayer, by thee inspired and taught,
 Itself with work be one.

40

William Wordsworth, 1770-1850.

BLEST are the moments, doubly blest,
 That, drawn from this one hour of rest,
 Are with a ready heart bestowed
 Upon the service of our God!

- 2 Each field is then a hallowed spot,
 An altar is in each man's cot,
 A church in every grove that spreads
 Its living roof above our heads.
- 3 Look up to heaven! the industrious sun
 Already half his race hath run;
 He cannot halt or go astray,
 But our immortal spirits may.
- 4 Lord, since his rising in the east,
 If we have faltered or transgressed,
 Guide, from thy love's abundant source,
 What yet remains of this day's course;
5. Help with thy grace, through life's short day,
 Our upward and our downward way;
 And glorify for us the west,
 When we shall sink to final rest.

See also

29 Forth in thy name

EVENING

41 *End of Service.* W. Bright, 1824-1901.

AND now the wants are told that brought
 Thy children to thy knee;
 Here lingering still, we ask for nought,
 But simply worship thee.

2* The hope of heaven's eternal days
 Absorbs not all the heart
 That gives thee glory, love, and praise,
 For being what thou art.

3 For thou art God, the One, the same,
 O'er all things high and bright;
 And round us, when we speak thy name,
 There spreads a heaven of light.

4 O wondrous peace, in thought to dwell
 On excellence divine;
 To know that nought in man can tell
 How fair thy beauties shine!

5* O thou, above all blessing blest,
 O'er thanks exalted far,
 Thy very greatness is a rest
 To weaklings as we are;

6.* For when we feel the praise of thee
 A task beyond our powers,
 We say, 'A perfect God is he,
 And he is fully ours.'

42 H. Twells, ‡ 1823-1900.

AT even when the sun was set
 The sick, O Lord, around thee lay;
 O in what divers pains they met!
 O with what joy they went away!

- 2 Once more 'tis eventide, and we
 Oppressed with various ills draw near;
 What if thy form we cannot see?
 We know and feel that thou art here.
- 3 O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel;
 For some are sick, and some are sad,
 And some have never loved thee well,
 And some have lost the love they had;
- 4 O Saviour Christ, thou too art man;
 Thou hast been troubled, tempted, tried;
 Thy kind but searching glance can scan
 The very wounds that shame would hide;
5. Thy touch has still its ancient power,
 No word from thee can fruitless fall;
 Hear in this solemn evening hour,
 And in thy mercy heal us all.

43

George Wither, 1588-1667.

BEHOLD the sun, that seemed but now
 Enthronèd overhead,
 Beginning to decline below
 This globe whereon we tread;
 And he, whom yet we look upon
 With comfort and delight,
 Will quite depart from hence anon,
 And leave us to the night.

- 2 Thus time, unheeded, steals away
 The life which nature gave;
 Thus are our bodies every day
 Declining to the grave;
 Thus from us all those pleasures fly
 Whereon we set our heart;
 And when the night of death draws nigh,
 Thus will they all depart.

38 SONGS OF PRAISE, PART I

3. Lord! though the sun forsake our sight,
And mortal hopes are vain,
Let still thine everlasting light
Within our souls remain;
And in the nights of our distress
Vouchsafe those rays divine,
Which from the Sun of Righteousness
For ever brightly shine!

44

St. Ambrose, 340-97. Tr. Charles Bigg.

Deus creator omnium.

- CREATOR of the earth and sky,
Ruling the firmament on high,
Clothing the day with robes of light,
Blessing with gracious sleep the night,
2 That rest may comfort weary men,
And brace to useful toil again,
And soothe awhile the harassed mind,
And sorrow's heavy load unbind:
3 Day sinks; we thank thee for thy gift;
Night comes; and once again we lift
Our prayer and vows and hymns that we
Against all ills may shielded be.

PART II

- 4 Thee let the secret heart acclaim,
Thee let our tuneful voices name,
Round thee our chaste affections cling,
Thee sober reason own as King.
5 That when black darkness closes day,
And shadows thicken round our way,
Faith may no darkness know, and night
From faith's clear beam may borrow light.

- 6 Rest not, my heaven-born mind and will;
Rest, all ye thoughts and deeds of ill;
May faith its watch unwearied keep,
And cool the dreaming warmth of sleep.
7. From cheats of sense, Lord, keep me free,
And let my heart's depth dream of thee;
Let not my envious foe draw near,
To break my rest with any fear.

45

Bishop T. Ken, 1637-1711.

GLORY to thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings,
Beneath thy own almighty wings.

- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the awful day.
- 4 O may my soul on thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that may me more vigorous make
To serve my God when I awake.
5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

46

1. *Bishop Heber* (1827).
 2. *Archbishop Whately* † (1855).

GOD, that madest earth and heaven,
 Darkness and light;
 Who the day for toil hast given,
 For rest the night;
 May thine angel-guards defend us,
 Slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
 Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
 This livelong night.

2. Guard us waking, guard us sleeping;
 And, when we die,
 May we in thy mighty keeping
 All peaceful lie:
 So when death to life shall wake us,
 Thou may'st like the angels make us,
 And to reign in glory take us
 With thee on high.

47

R. H. Robinson, 1842-92.

HOLY Father, cheer our way
 With thy love's perpetual ray;
 Grant us every closing day
 Light at evening time.

- 2 Holy Saviour, calm our fears
 When earth's brightness disappears;
 Grant us in our latter years
 Light at evening time.
- 3 Holy Spirit, be thou nigh
 When in mortal pains we lie;
 Grant us, as we come to die,
 Light at evening time.

4. Holy, blessèd Trinity,
Darkness is not dark with thee;
Those thou keepest always see
Light at evening time.

48

*Petrus Herbert (1566). Tr. A. G.**Die Nacht ist kommen.*

NOW God be with us, for the night is
falling,
Soon sleep will take us, restfully enthralling;
Then may the Father, while our dreams
possess us,
Shelter and bless us.

- 2 May evil fancies flee away before us,
Great-hearted spirits keep their watches o'er
us:
In soul and body, Lord, amend and tend us,
Subtly defend us.
- 3 When we are sleeping, rest we in thy favour;
Gaily awaking, never from thee waver;
Ever observant, truth and right pursuing
In all our doing.
- 4 Lover of all men, laughter give for sighing;
Cheer those in sorrow, those in sickness lying,
All the bereavèd, all the poor, distressed,
All the oppressèd.
- 5.*Hallowed, O Father, be thy Name; thy King-
dom
Come now among us; be thy Will effected;
Feed us, forgive us, keep us clear of trial,
Freed and protected.

(Verses 4 and 5 may be sung as a separate hymn.)

S. Baring-Gould, 1834-1924.

NOW the day is over,
Night is drawing nigh,
Shadows of the evening
Steal across the sky.

2 Now the darkness gathers,
Stars begin to peep,
Birds and beasts and flowers
Soon will be asleep.

3 Jesus, give the weary
Calm and sweet repose;
With thy tenderest blessing
May our eyelids close.

4 Grant to little children
Visions bright of thee;
Guard the sailors tossing
On the deep blue sea.

5 Comfort every sufferer
Watching late in pain;
Those who plan some evil
From their sin restrain.

6* Through the long night watches
May thine angels spread
Their white wings above me,
Watching round my bed.

7* When the morning wakens,
Then may I arise
Pure, and fresh, and sinless
In thy holy eyes.

8. Glory to the Father,
Glory to the Son,
And to thee, blest Spirit,
Whilst all ages run.

50

*3rd cent. or earlier. Tr. Y. H.**Φῶς ἱλαρόν.*

O GLADSOME light, O grace
 Of God the Father's face,
 The eternal splendour wearing;
 Celestial, holy, blest,
 Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 Joyful in thine appearing.

- 2 Now, ere day fadeth quite,
 We see the evening light,
 Our wonted hymn outpouring;
 Father of might unknown,
 Thee, his incarnate Son,
 And Holy Spirit adoring.
3. To thee of right belongs
 All praise of holy songs,
 O Son of God, lifegiver;
 Thee, therefore, O most high,
 The world doth glorify,
 And shalt exalt for ever.

51

*St. Ambrose, 340-97. Tr. J. M. Neale.**O lux beata Trinitas.*

O TRINITY of blessed light,
 O Unity of princely might,
 The fiery sun now goes his way;
 Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

- 2 To thee our morning song of praise,
 To thee our evening prayer we raise;
 Thy glory suppliant we adore
 For ever and for evermore.

3. All laud to God the Father be;
 All praise, eternal Son, to thee;
 All glory, as is ever meet,
 To God the holy Paraclete.

52

W. Romanis, 1824-99.

ROUND me falls the night;
 Saviour, be my light:

Through the hours in darkness shrouded
 Let me see thy face unclouded;
 Let thy glory shine
 In this heart of mine.

- 2 Earthly work is done,
 Earthly sounds are none;
 Rest in sleep and silence seeking,
 Let me hear thee softly speaking;
 In my spirit's ear
 Whisper, 'I am near.'
3. Blessèd, heavenly Light,
 Shining through earth's night;
 Voice, that oft of love hast told me;
 Arms, so strong to clasp and hold me;
 Thou thy watch wilt keep,
 Saviour, o'er my sleep.

53

J. Ellerton, 1826-93.

SAVIOUR, again to thy dear name we raise
 With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
 Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from
 shame,
 That in this house have called upon thy name.

- 2 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming
night;
Turn thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to thee.
- 3 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly
life;
Peace to thy Church from error and from
strife;
Peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
Peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above:
4. Thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;
Thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict
cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

54

J. Edmeston, ‡ 1791-1867.

SAVIOUR, shed an evening blessing,
Ere repose our spirits seal;
Sin and want we come confessing;
Thou canst save, and thou canst heal.
Though destruction walk around us,
Though the arrow past us fly,
Angel-guards from thee surround us;
We are safe if thou art nigh.

2. Though the night seem dark and endless,
Darkness nothing hides from thee;
Though the day be lone and friendless,
Still our comrade thou shalt be.
Should swift death this night o'ertake us
Ere to-morrow's sun doth rise,
May the morn in heaven awake us,
Clad in robes of Paradise.

55

J. Keble, 1792-1866.

SUN of my soul, thou Saviour dear,
 It is not night if thou be near:
 O may no earth-born cloud arise
 To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.

- 2* When the soft dews of kindly sleep
 My wearied eyelids gently steep,
 Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
 For ever on my Saviour's breast.
- 3 Abide with me from morn till eve,
 For without thee I cannot live;
 Abide with me when night is nigh,
 For without thee I dare not die.
- 4 If some poor wandering child of thine
 Have spurned to-day the voice divine,
 Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
 Let him no more lie down in sin.
- 5 Watch by the sick; enrich the poor
 With blessings from thy boundless store;
 Be every mourner's sleep to-night
 Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.
6. Come near and bless us when we wake,
 Ere through the world our way we take;
 Till in the ocean of thy love
 We lose ourselves in heaven above.

56

J. Ellerton, 1826-93.

THE day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
 The darkness falls at thy behest;
 To thee our morning hymns ascended,
 Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

- 2 We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.
- 3 As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.
- 4 The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

57

*Y. H., based on Nun ruhen alle Wälder.**P. Gerhardt, 1607-76.*

THE duteous day now closeth,
Each flower and tree repositeth,
Shade creeps o'er wild and wood:
Let us, as night is falling,
On God our maker calling,
Give thanks to him, the giver good.

- 2 Now all the heavenly splendour
Breaks forth in starlight tender
From myriad worlds unknown;
And man, the marvel seeing,
Forgets his selfish being,
For joy of beauty not his own.

- 3 His care he drowneth yonder,
 Lost in the abyss of wonder;
 To heaven his soul doth steal:
 This life he disesteemeth,
 The day it is that dreameth,
 That doth from truth his vision seal.
4. Awhile his mortal blindness
 May miss God's loving-kindness,
 And grope in faithless strife:
 But when life's day is over
 Shall death's fair night discover
 The fields of everlasting life.

58

Sir Thomas Browne (cento), † 1605-82.

- THE night is come like to the day:
 Depart not thou, great God, away;
 Let not my sins, black as the night,
 Eclipse the lustre of thy light.
 Thou, whose nature cannot sleep,
 On my temples sentry keep;
 Make my sleep a holy trance;
 While I rest, my soul advance.
2. So may I then, my rest being wrought,
 Awake into some holy thought,
 And with as active vigour run
 My course as doth the nimble sun.
 Sleep 's a death: O make me try
 Sleeping, what it is to die!
 Come the hour when I shall never
 Sleep again, but wake for ever!

PART II

THE CHURCH'S YEAR

*For all the Sundays throughout the year, see the
'Table of Hymns Arranged' in the Music Edition.*

ADVENT

59 *The Kingdom.* *P. Dearmer.*

AH! think not, 'The Lord delayeth':
'I am with you,' still he sayeth,
'Do you yet not understand?'
Look not back, the past regretting:
On the Dawn your hearts be setting:
Rise, and join the Lord's command.

- 2 For e'en now the Reign of Heaven
Spreads throughout the world like leaven,
Unobserved, and very near:
Like the seed when no man knoweth,
Like the sheltering tree that groweth,
Comes the Life Eternal here.
3. Not for us to find the reasons,
Or to know the times and seasons,
Comes the Lord when strikes the hour:
Ours to bear the faithful witness
Which can shape the world to fitness;
Thine, O God, to give the power.

60 *(Also Epiphany, and Missions Oversea.)*
G. W. Briggs.

CHRISt is the world's true Light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar clear and bright
Of every man and nation;

New life, new hope awakes,
 Where'er men own his sway:
 Freedom her bondage breaks,
 And night is turned to day.

- 2 In Christ all races meet,
 Their ancient feuds forgetting,
 The whole round world complete,
 From sunrise to its setting:
 When Christ is throned as Lord,
 Men shall forsake their fear,
 To ploughshare beat the sword,
 To pruning-hook the spear.
3. One Lord, in one great name
 Unite us all who own thee;
 Cast out our pride and shame
 That hinder to enthrone thee;
 The world has waited long,
 Has travailed long in pain;
 To heal its ancient wrong,
 Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Vox clara ecce intonat.

HARK! a herald voice is calling:
 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
 'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
 O ye children of the day!'

- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
 Let the earth-bound soul arise;
 Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
 Shines upon the morning skies.

- 3 Lo! the Power, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;
- 4 So when love comes forth in judgment,
Debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,
Faithful may he find his servants,
Watching till the dawn appear.
5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing
To the Father and the Son
And the eternal Spirit give we,
While unending ages run.

62 (*Other occasions also.*) P. Doddridge, 1702-51.

HARK the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

- 2 He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy belovèd name.

Jan Struther.

63 *I am with you, like the dawn upon the mountains.*

HIGH o'er the lonely hills
Black turns to grey,
Birdsong the valley fills,
Mists fold away;
Grey wakes to green again,
Beauty is seen again—
Gold and serene again
Dawneth the day.

- 2 So, o'er the hills of life,
Stormy, forlorn,
Out of the cloud and strife
Sunrise is born;
Swift grows the light for us;
Ended is night for us;
Soundless and bright for us
Breaketh God's morn.
- 3 Hear we no beat of drums,
Fanfare nor cry,
When Christ the herald comes
Quietly nigh;
Splendour he makes on earth;
Colour awakes on earth;
Suddenly breaks on earth
Light from the sky.
- 4.*Bid then farewell to sleep:
Rise up and run!
What though the hill be steep?
Strength 's in the sun.
Now shall you find at last
Night 's left behind at last,
And for mankind at last
Day has begun!

- 64 (*Also Epiphany, and Missions Oversea.*)
Charles E. Oakley, 1832-65.

HILLS of the North, rejoice;
River and mountain-spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
Valley and lowland, sing;
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgment brings and victory.

- 2 Isles of the southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
Lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes his great highway.

- 3 Lands of the East, awake,
Soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,
And rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and grey,
Has dawned the everlasting day.

- 4 Shores of the utmost West,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblest,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

- 5.* Shout, while ye journey home;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North we come,
From East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

65

C. Wesley (1758), and others.

LO! he comes with clouds descending,
 Once for favoured sinners slain;
 Thousand thousand saints attending
 Swell the triumph of his train:
 Alleluya!

God appears, on earth to reign.

- 2* Every eye shall now behold him
 Robed in glorious majesty;
 Those who set at nought and sold him,
 Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 Deeply wailing,
 Shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
 Still his dazzling body bears;
 Cause of wondering exultation
 To his countless worshippers;
 With what rapture
 Praise we him for all his scars!
4. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
 High on thine eternal throne;
 Saviour, take the power and glory:
 Claim the kingdom as thine own:
 Alleluya!
 Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

66

18th cent. Tr. T. A. Lacey.

Veni, veni, Emmanuel.

O COME, O come, Emmanuel!
 Redeem thy captive Israel,
 That into exile drear is gone
 Far from the face of God's dear Son:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

- 2 O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save:
- 3 O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb:
- 4* O come, thou Lord of David's key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode:
- 5.* O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed with awe
Gavest thy folk the elder law:

67

C. Coffin, 1676-1749. S. P. V.

Jordanis oras praevia.

ON Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of Kings.

- 2 Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

- 4 Lay on the sick thy healing hand,
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of thy face
Till beauty springs in every place.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

68

C. Coffin, 1676-1749. Pr. S. P.

Instantis adventum Dei.

- THE advent of our God
With eager hearts we greet,
And singing, haste upon the road
His coming Reign to meet.
- 2 For, lo, God's Word and Son
Came down to make us free,
And he a servant's form put on,
To bring us liberty.
- 3 Daughter of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Let not thy heart in haste despise
The peace he comes to bring.
- 4 For judgment doth befall
The stubborn who refuse,
But God doth give his light to all
Who cherish his Good News.
- 5 Then evil flee away
Before the rising dawn!
Let this old Adam day by day
God's image still put on.

- 6.* Thou Liberator true,
 All glory be to thee,
 To whom in God our praise is due
 For all eternity.

69 *The Kingdom.*

N. B. L.

WITH Jesus for hero, for teacher and friend,
 The world to the Purpose of God shall
 ascend :

We struggle and quarrel, but he brings release,
 And shows us the way to his wisdom and peace.

- 2 His Kingdom is coming, God's will shall be done,
 And kindness and justice and peace shall be
 won;

Then learn we that gospel of love to obey,
 Till sickness and want and disputes pass away.

3. God's name shall be hallowed, his love under-
 stood—

The Father of all men, the wise and the good:
 The pagans shall see him in truth as he is,
 And the heart of the world shall for ever be his.

See also

511 Hark what a sound
 545 Jesus shall reign
 561 Lo, in the wilderness
 562 Lord Christ, when first
 575 Made lowly wise, we pray
 602 O life that maketh
 634 Ring out, ye crystal
 635 Rise up, O men of God
 637 Say not, 'The struggle
 327 Sound over all waters
 310 The day of the Lord
 658 The Lord will come
 328 The night is ended
 311 The world's great age

312 These things shall be
 672 Thou Judge by whom
 680 Thy Kingdom come
 684 To thee whose eye
 329 Turn back, O Man
 687 Wake, O wake
 698 When through the whirl
 702 Ye servants of the Lord
And for Advent 2.
 457 Book of books
 212 Prophets, teachers
 645 Spread, still spread
 660 The Spirit of the Lord
 214 Virtue supreme

CHRISTMAS DAY

AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

70 *St. Germanus, 634-734. Tr. J. M. Neale.†*

Μέγα καὶ παράδοξον θαῦμα.

A GREAT and mighty wonder,
A full and blessed cure!
The Rose has come to blossom
Which shall for ay endure:

Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men.'

2 The Word has dwelt among us,
The true light from on high;
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds, from the sky:

3* While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
Ye oceans, clap your hands:

4 Since all he comes to succour,
By all be he adored,
The infant born in Bethlem,
The Saviour and the Lord:

5. And idol forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield his sceptre,
Our Lord and God for ay:

71 (*Epiphany also.*)*J. Montgomery, 1771-1854.*

ANGELS, from the realms of glory,
 Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation's story
 Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship,
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.*

2 Shepherds in the fields abiding,
 Watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God with man is now residing;
 Yonder shines the infant Light:

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
 Brighter visions beam afar;
 Seek the great Desire of Nations;
 Ye have seen his natal star:

4* Saints before the altar bending,
 Watching long in hope and fear,
 Suddenly the Lord, descending,
 In his temple shall appear:

5. Though an infant now we view him,
 He shall fill his Father's throne,
 Gather all the nations to him;
 Every knee shall then bow down:

72 (*Epiphany also.*) *T. Pestel,† c. 1584-c. 1659.*

BEHOLD the great Creator makes
 Himself a house of clay,
 A robe of human flesh he takes
 Which he will wear for ay.

60 SONGS OF PRAISE, PART II

- 2 Hark, hark, the wise eternal Word
Like a weak infant cries!
In form of servant is the Lord,
And God in cradle lies.
- 3 This wonder struck the world amazed,
It shook the starry frame;
Squadrons of spirits stood and gazed,
Then down in troops they came.
- 4 Glad shepherds ran to view this sight;
A choir of angels sings,
And eastern sages with delight
Adore this King of Kings.
5. Join then, all hearts that are not stone,
And all our voices prove,
To celebrate this holy one,
The God of peace and love.

73

John Byrom,† 1692-1763.

CHRISTIANS, awake, salute the happy
morn,
Whereon the Saviour of the World was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love,
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

- 2 Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,
I bring good tidings of a saviour's birth
To you and all the nations upon earth;
This day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
This day is born a saviour, Christ the Lord.'

- 3 He spake; and straightway the celestial choir
 In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire.
 The praises of redeeming love they sang,
 And heaven's whole orb with alleluyas rang:
 God's highest glory was their anthem still,
 Peace upon earth, and unto men good will.
- 4.*To Bethlehem straight the enlightened shep-
 herds ran,
 To see the wonder God had wrought for man.
 He that was born upon this joyful day
 Around us all his glory shall display:
 Saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
 Eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

74

*C. Wesley (1743), G. Whitefield (1753),
 M. Madan (1760), and others.*

HARK! the herald angels sing
 Glory to the new-born King;
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled:
 Joyful all ye nations rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies,
 With the angelic host proclaim,
 Christ is born in Bethlehem:

*Hark! the herald angels sing
 Glory to the new-born King.*

- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold him come
 Offspring of the Virgin's womb;
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
 Hail the incarnate Deity!
 Pleased as man with man to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel:

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 Risen with healing in his wings;
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 Born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth,
 Born to give them second birth:

75

Christina Rossetti, 1830-94.

- I**N the bleak mid-winter
 Frosty wind made moan;
 Earth stood hard as iron,
 Water like a stone;
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
 Snow on snow,
 In the bleak mid-winter,
 Long ago.
- 2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him
 Nor earth sustain;
 Heaven and earth shall flee away
 When he comes to reign:
 In the bleak mid-winter
 A stable-place sufficed
 The Lord God almighty,
 Jesus Christ.
- 3 Enough for him, whom cherubim
 Worship night and day,
 A breastful of milk,
 And a mangerful of hay;
 Enough for him, whom angels
 Fall down before,
 The ox and ass and camel
 Which adore.

4 Angels and archangels
 May have gathered there,
 Cherubim and seraphim
 Thronged the air:
But only his mother
 In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Belovèd
 With a kiss.

5. What can I give him,
 Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
 I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
 I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him—
 Give my heart.

76 (*After Epiphany also.*) E. H. Sears, 1810-76.

IT came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
 To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
 To hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come,
 With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
 O'er all the weary world;

Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessèd angels sing.

3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

4* And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

5. For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

77

A. Domett, 1811-87.

- I**T was the calm and silent night!
Seven hundred years and fifty-three
Had Rome been growing up to might,
And now was queen of land and sea.
No sound was heard of clashing wars;
Peace brooded o'er the hushed domain;
Apollo, Pallas, Jove, and Mars
Held undisturbed their ancient reign,
In the solemn midnight
Centuries ago.
- 2 O strange indifference! Low and high
Drowns over common joys and cares:
The earth was still—but knew not why;
The world was listening—unawares;
How calm a moment may precede
One that shall thrill the world for ever!
To that still moment none would heed
Man's doom was linked, no more to sever,
In the solemn midnight
Centuries ago.
3. It is the calm and silent night!
A thousand bells ring out, and throw
Their joyous peals abroad, and smite
The darkness, charmed and holy now.
The night that erst no name had worn,
To it a happy name is given;
For in that stable lay new-born
The peaceful Prince of Earth and Heaven.
In the solemn midnight
Centuries ago.

78 (*Epiphany also.*)

18th cent. Tr. F. Oakeley, and others.

Adeste fideles.

O COME, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold him,
 Born the King of angels:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2* God of God,
 Light of Light,
 Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 Very God,
 Begotten, not created:

3 See how the shepherds,
 Summoned to his cradle,
 Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 We too will thither
 Bend our joyful footsteps:

4* Lo, star-led chieftains,
 Magi, Christ adoring,
 Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
 We to the Christ-child
 Bring our hearts' oblations:

5 Child, for us sinners
 Poor and in the manger,
 Fain we embrace thee, with love and awe;
 Who would not love thee,
 Loving us so dearly?

- 6 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:

(*Christmas Day only.*)

7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

79 *Bp. Phillips Brooks, 1835-93.*

O LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

- 2 O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
- 3*How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming;
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.

4 Where children pure and happy
 Pray to the blessèd child,
 Where misery cries out to thee,
 Son of the mother mild;
 Where charity stands watching
 And faith holds wide the door,
 The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
 And Christmas comes once more.

5. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in,
 Be born in us to-day.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell:
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Emmanuel.

80

Henry More, 1614-87.

THE holy Son of God most high,
 For love of Adam's lapsèd race,
 Quit the sweet pleasures of the sky
 To bring us to that happy place.

2 His robes of light he laid aside,
 Which did his majesty adorn,
 And the frail state of mortals tried,
 In human flesh and figure born.

- 3 Whole choirs of angels loudly sing
The mystery of his sacred birth,
And the blest news to shepherds bring,
Filling their watchful souls with mirth.
4. The Son of God thus man became,
That men the sons of God might be,
And by their second birth regain
A likeness to his deity.

81

A. C. Swinburne, 1837-1909.

- THOU whose birth on earth
Angels sang to men,
While thy stars made mirth,
Saviour, at thy birth,
This day born again;
- 2 As this night was bright
With thy cradle-ray,
Very light of light,
Turn the wild world's night
To thy perfect day.
- 3 Thou, the Word and Lord,
In all time and space
Heard, beheld, adored,
With all ages poured
Forth before thy face,
- 4* Lord, what worth in earth
Drew thee down to die?
What therein was worth,
Lord, thy death and birth?
What beneath thy sky?

5 Yet thy poor endure,
 And are with us yet.
 Be thy name a sure
 Refuge for thy poor,
 Whom men's eyes forget.

6. Bid our peace increase,
 Thou that madest morn;
 Bid oppressions cease;
 Bid the night be peace;
 Bid the day be born!

82

Nahum Tate, 1652-1715.

WHILE shepherds watched their flocks by
 night,

All seated on the ground,
 The angel of the Lord came down,
 And glory shone around.

2 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
 Had seized their troubled mind);
 'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
 To you and all mankind.

3 'To you in David's town this day
 Is born of David's line
 A saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
 And this shall be the sign:

4 'The heavenly babe you there shall find
 To human view displayed,
 All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
 And in a manger laid.'

5 Thus spake the seraph: and forthwith
 Appeared a shining throng
 Of angels praising God, who thus
 Addressed their joyful song:

6. 'All glory be to God on high,
 And to the earth be peace;
 Good will henceforth from heaven to men
 Begin and never cease.'

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The Christmas season traditionally extends throughout January, and includes the Feast of the Presentation (223) on February 2nd.

EPIPHANY SEASON

83

W. Chatterton Dix, 1837-98.

- A**S with gladness men of old
 Did the guiding star behold,
 As with joy they hailed its light,
 Leading onward, beaming bright,
 So, most gracious God, may we
 Evermore be led to thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped
 To that lowly manger-bed,
 There to bend the knee before
 Him whom heaven and earth adore,
 So may we with willing feet
 Ever seek thy mercy-seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
 At that manger rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy,
 Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
 All our costliest treasures bring,
 Christ, to thee our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, every day
 Keep us in the narrow way;

And, when earthly things are past,
 Bring our ransomed souls at last
 Where they need no star to guide,
 Where no clouds thy glory hide.

- 5.* In the heavenly country bright
 Need they no created light;
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
 Thou its sun which goes not down:
 There for ever may we sing
 Alleluyas to our King.

84

Prudentius, b. 348. Tr. E. Caswall.

O sola magnarum urbium.

BETHLEHEM, of noblest cities
 None can once with thee compare;
 Thou alone the Lord from heaven
 Didst for us incarnate bear.

- 2 Fairer than the sun at morning
 Was the star that told his birth;
 To the lands their God announcing,
 Hid beneath a form of earth.
- 3 By its lambent beauty guided
 See the eastern kings appear;
 See them bend, their gifts to offer,
 Gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh.
- 4 Solemn things of mystic meaning:
 Incense doth the God disclose,
 Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
 Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.
5. Holy Jesus, in thy brightness
 To the Gentile world displayed,
 With the Father and the Spirit
 Endless praise to thee be paid.

85

Bishop R. Heber, 1783-1826.

BRIGHTEST and best of the sons of the
morning,

Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,

Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and monarch and saviour of all.

3 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5.* Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

EPIPHANY AND THE SUNDAYS AFTER

86

John Masefield.

BY weary stages
The old world ages;
By blood, by rages,
By pain-sown seeds.
By fools and sages,
With death for wages,
Souls leave their cages
And Man does deeds.

- 2 In mire he trudges,
In grime he drudges,
In blindness judges,
 In darkness gropes.
His bitter measure
Yields little pleasure;
For only treasure
 He has his hopes.
- 3 The hope that sailing
When winds are failing,
Above the railing
 A coast may rise;
The thought that glory
Is not a story,
But heaven o'er ye
 And watching eyes.
- 4 Behold us bringing
With love and singing
With great joy ringing
 And hearts new-made,
The Prince, forespoken
By seer and token,
By whom sin's broken
 And death is stayed.

PART II

- 5 Now by his power
The world will flower,
And hour by hour
 His realm increase;
Now men benighted
Will feel them righted,
And love be lighted
 To spirit's peace.

- 6 Our God is wearing
 Man's flesh, and bearing
 Man's cares, through caring
 What men may be;
 Our God is sharing
 His light and daring
 To help men's faring
 And set men free.
7. All you in hearing
 Assist our cheering
 'This Soul unfearing
 Who enters earth;
 On God relying,
 And death defying,
 He puts on dying
 That Life have birth.

87 (*Other occasions also.*)

J. Montgomery, 1771-1854.

- H**AIL to the Lord's Anointed!
 Great David's greater Son;
 Hail, in the time appointed,
 His reign on earth begun!
 He comes to break oppression,
 To let the captive free;
 To take away transgression,
 And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with succour speedy
 To those who suffer wrong;
 To help the poor and needy,
 And bid the weak be strong;
 To give them songs for sighing,
 Their darkness turn to light,
 Whose souls, condemned and dying,
 Were precious in his sight.

- 3 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow
- 4* Arabia's desert-ranger
To him shall bow the knee;
The Ethiopian stranger
His glory come to see;
With offerings of devotion
Ships from the isles shall meet,
To pour the wealth of ocean
In tribute at his feet.
- 5* Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.
6. O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.

88

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

HARK, how all the welkin rings:
 'Glory to the King of Kings,
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled.'

- 2* Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 Universal nature say
 'Christ the Lord is born to-day.'
- 3* Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold him come
 Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
- 4* Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see!
 Hail the incarnate Deity!
 Pleased as man with men to appear,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel here!
- 5 Hail the heavenly Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 Risen with healing in his wings.
- 6 Mild he lays his glory by,
 Born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth,
 Born to give them second birth!
- 7 Come, Desire of Nations, come,
 Fix in us thy humble home;
 Rise, the woman's conquering seed,
 Bruise in us the serpent's head.
8. Now display thy saving power,
 Ruined nature now restore,
 Now in mystic union join
 Thine to ours, and ours to thine

89 (*Other occasions also.*)*A. G., based on Fröhlich soll, P. Gerhard:
(1653)*

HEARTS at Christmas time were jolly:

For a day

Fled away

All our gloom and folly.

Hear, O hear, the message sung us

In the air

Everywhere:

Christ has come among us;

2 Come to bring a better morrow,

Preach God's Realm

And o'erwhelm

Selfishness and sorrow.

Men's devices spin to zero;

He attains,

His plan reigns:

Prophet he and hero.

3 For thy sake, then, single hearted,

Let us use

That good news

By thy life imparted.

Never shall our wills oppose thee;

Noble Flower,

Seed of power,

Hearts of men enclose thee.

4. Art and science circle o'er thee,

Counsel, might,

Left and right;

Wisdom rides before thee.

Plans and pleas of men are hollow:

Son of God,

At thy nod

We will up and follow.

90 (*Other occasions also.*)

P. Nicolai (1599) and J. A. Schlegel (1766). O.B.C.V.

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern.

HOW brightly beams the morning star!

What sudden radiance from afar

Doth glad us with its shining?

Brightness of God, that breaks our night

And fills the darkened souls with light

Who long for truth were pining!

Newly, truly, God's word feeds us,

Rightly leads us,

Life bestowing.

Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing!

2 Through thee alone can we be blest;

Then deep be on our hearts imprest

The love that thou hast borne us;

So make us ready to fulfil

With ardent zeal thy holy will,

Though men may vex or scorn us;

Hold us, fold us, lest we fail thee,

Lo, we hail thee,

Long to know thee!

All we are and have we owe thee.

3. All praise to him who came to save,

Who conquer'd death and scorned the grave;

Each day new praise resoundeth

To him, the Life who once was slain,

The friend whom none shall trust in vain,

Whose grace for ay aboundeth;

Sing then, ring then, tell the story

Of his glory,

Till his praises

Flood with light earth's darkest mazes!

91 *(Other occasions also.)* *P. Dearmer.*

IN Asia born, from Asia hailed,
Was Christ, who God for us unveiled;
The speech of God to man was he,
His life one bright epiphany.

- 2 And still his children come from far,
To hail from east and west his star;
In him all faiths and systems meet,
All partial truth is made complete.
- 3 Bright Friend, thy face shines out to-day
More real, more vivid, true and gay:
Then show thy goodly Kingdom, Christ,
The leaven, treasure, pearl unpriced!
4. True gifts we'd offer to our King:
Our myrrh as goodness we will bring,
Our incense as the truth shall rise,
Our gold be beauty's sacrifice.

92 *Christina Rossetti, 1830-94.*

LOVE came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Stars and angels gave the sign.

- 2 Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?
3. Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

93 (*Other occasions also.*)

J. S. B. Monsell, 1811-75.

O WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,

Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name.

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:

Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4* These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,

He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5.* O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,

Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name.

94 (*Other occasions also.*) T. S. N.

THE greatness of God in his love has been
shown,

The light of his life on the nations is thrown;
And that which the Jews and the Greeks did
divine

Is come in the fullness of Jesus to shine:

*The Light of the World in the darkness has
shone,*

And grows in our sight as the ages flow on.

2 He rolls the grim darkness and sorrow away
And brings all our fears to the light of the day;
The idols are fallen of anger and blood,
And God is revealed as the loving and good:

3 And, though we have sinned like the Prodigal
Son,

His love to our succour and welcome will run.
His gospel of pardon, of love and accord,
Will master oppression and shatter the sword:

4. The Light of the World is more clear to our
sight

As errors disperse and men see him aright:
In lands long in shadow, his Churches arise
And blaze for their neighbours the Way of the
Wise:

95 *Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, 1815-81.*

THE Lord is come, on Syrian soil,
The child of poverty and toil;
The Man of Sorrows, born to know
Each varying shade of human woe:

His joy, his glory, to fulfil,
 In earth and heaven, his Father's will;
 On lonely mount, by festive board,
 On bitter cross, despised, adored.

- 2 The Lord is come! In him we trace
 The fullness of God's truth and grace;
 Throughout those words and acts divine
 Gleams of the eternal splendour shine;
 And from his inmost spirit flow,
 As from a height of sunlit snow,
 The rivers of perennial life,
 To heal and sweeten nature's strife.
3. The Lord is come! In every heart
 Where truth and mercy claim a part;
 In every land where right is might,
 And deeds of darkness shun the light;
 In every church where faith and love
 Lift earthward thoughts to things above;
 In every holy, happy home,
 We bless thee, Lord, that thou hast come.

96 *J. Morison, 1750-98 (Scottish Paraphrases).*

THE race that long in darkness pined
 Have seen a glorious light;
 The people dwell in day, who dwelt
 In death's surrounding night.

- 2 To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
 The gathering nations come,
 Joyous as when the reapers bear
 The harvest-treasures home.
- 3 To us a Child of Hope is born,
 To us a Son is given;
 Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
 Him all the hosts of heaven.

84 SONGS OF PRAISE, PART II

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
For evermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.

5. His power increasing still shall spread;
His reign no end shall know:
Justice shall guard his throne above,
And peace abound below

See also

440 All hail the power	590 Not with a choir of angels
60 Christ is the world's	618 O worship the King
480 Crown him	620 Our Father, while
388 From the eastern	634 Ring out, ye crystal
64 Hills of the North, rejoice	372 The shepherds had
537 In Christ there is	668 They all were looking
76 It came upon	669 Those who love
545 Jesus shall reign	685 To us in Bethlem
571 Lord, when the wise men	700 Who within that stable

For Septuagesima, etc. see 'Seasons General' (Nos. 17-21 and note). 247, Sing Alleluya, was anciently sung on the First Sunday in Lent, and is suitable from Septuagesima till the end of that day. For Quinquagesima see, among others:

502 God is love: his the care	577 Mercy thou art
507 Gracious Spirit	682 To Mercy, Pity, Peace

LENT

See also the General Hymns.

97

G. H. Smytton (1856), and others.

FORTY days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted still, yet unbeguiled:

- 2 Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.
- 3 Let us thy endurance share
And from earthly greed abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
With thee strong to suffer pain.
- 4* Then if evil on us press,
Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Help us not to swerve or fail!
- 5 So shall peace divine be ours;
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Come to us angelic powers,
Such as ministered to thee.
6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

98 *White Lent.**P. Dearmer.*

NOW quit your care
And anxious fear and worry;
For schemes are vain
And fretting brings no gain.
To prayer, to prayer!
Bells call and clash and hurry,
In Lent the bells do cry,
‘Come buy, come buy,
Come buy with love the love most high!’

- 2 Lent comes in the spring,
And spring is pied with brightness;
The sweetest flowers,
Keen winds, and sun, and showers,
Their health do bring
To make Lent's chastened whiteness;
For life to men brings light
And might, and might,
And might to those whose hearts are right.
- 3* To bow the head
In sackcloth and in ashes,
Or rend the soul,
Such grief is not Lent's goal;
But to be led
To where God's glory flashes,
His beauty to come nigh,
To fly, to fly,
To fly where truth and light do lie.
- 4* For is not this
The fast that I have chosen?
(The prophet spoke)
To shatter every yoke,
Of wickedness
The grievous bands to loosen,
Oppression put to flight,
To fight, to fight,
To fight till every wrong's set right.
- 5 For righteousness
And peace will show their faces
To those who feed
The hungry in their need,

And wrongs redress,
 Who build the old waste places,
 And in the darkness shine.
 Divine, divine,
 Divine it is when all combine!

6. Then shall your light
 Break forth as doth the morning;
 Your health shall spring,
 The friends you make shall bring
 God's glory bright,
 Your way through life adorning;
 And love shall be the prize.
 Arise, arise,
 Arise! and make a paradise!

LENTEN HYMNS

99 (*Passiontide also.*) *J. Heermann, 1585-1647.*
Pr. Y. H.

Herzliebster Jesu.

AH, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
 That man to judge thee hath in hate pre-
 tended?
 By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
 O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon
 thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
 I crucified thee.

- 3 Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
 The slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath
 suffered;
 For man's atonement, while he nothing
 heedeth,
 God intercedeth.
- 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
 Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
 Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
 For my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
 I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
 Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
 Not my deserving.

100

I. Williams, 1802-65.

- B**E thou my guardian and my guide,
 And hear me when I call;
 Let not my slippery footsteps slide,
 And hold me lest I fall.
- 2 The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
 Around the path I tread;
 O save me from the snares of hell,
 Thou quickener of the dead.
- 3 And if I tempted am to sin,
 And outward things are strong,
 Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
 And save my soul from wrong.
4. Still let me ever watch and pray,
 And feel that I am frail;
 That if the tempter cross my way,
 Yet he may not prevail.

101

Theoctistus, c. 890. S. P. V.

Ἰησοῦ γλυκύτατε.

JESUS, name all names above;
 Jesus, best and dearest;
 Jesus, fount of perfect love,
 Holiest, tenderest, nearest;
 Thou the source of grace completest,
 Thou the purest, thou the sweetest,
 Thou the well of power divine,
 Make me, keep me, seal me thine!

- 2 Jesus, crowned with bitter thorn,
 By mankind forsaken,
 Jesus, who through scourge and scorn
 Held thy faith unshaken,
 Jesus, clad in purple raiment,
 For man's evils making payment:
 Let not all thy woe and pain,
 Let not Calvary be in vain!
3. Jesus, open me the gate
 That of old he entered
 Who, in that most lost estate,
 Wholly on thee ventured;
 Thou, whose wounds are ever pleading,
 And thy Passion interceding,
 From my weakness let me rise
 To a home in paradise!

102

W. H. Burleigh, 1812-71.

LEAD us, O Father, in the paths of peace:
 Without thy guiding hand we go astray,
 And doubts appal, and sorrows still increase;
 Lead us through Christ, the true and living
 Way.

- 2 Lead us, O Father, in the paths of truth:
Unhelped by thee, in error's maze we grope,
While passion stains and folly dims our youth,
And age comes on uncheered by faith or hope.
- 3 Lead us, O Father, in the paths of right:
Blindly we stumble when we walk alone,
Involved in shadows of a darkening night;
Only with thee we journey safely on.
4. Lead us, O Father, to thy heavenly rest,
However rough and steep the pathway be,
Through joy or sorrow, as thou deemest best,
Until our lives are perfected in thee.

103

Mrs. Frances M. Owen, 1842-83.

LIGHTEN the darkness of our life's long
night,
Through which we blindly stumble to the
day.
Shadows mislead us: Father, send thy light
To set our footsteps in the homeward way.

- 2 Lighten the darkness of our self-conceit—
The subtle darkness that we love so well,
Which shrouds the path of wisdom from our
feet,
And lulls our spirits with its baneful spell.
- 3 Lighten our darkness when we bow the knee
To all the gods we ignorantly make
And worship, dreaming that we worship thee,
Till clearer light our slumbering souls awake.

4. Lighten our darkness when we fail at last,
 And in the midnight lay us down to die;
 We trust to find thee when the night is past,
 And daylight breaks across the morning sky.

104

J. Quarles, 1624-65, and H. F. Lyte.

LONG did I toil, and knew no earthly rest,
 Far did I rove, and found no certain home;
 At last I sought them in his sheltering breast,
 Who opes his arms, and bids the weary come:
 With him I found a home, a rest divine,
 And I since then am his, and he is mine.

- 2 The good I have is from his stores supplied,
 The ill is only what he deems the best;
 He for my friend, I'm rich with nought beside,
 And poor without him, though of all possest:
 Changes may come, I take, or I resign,
 Content, while I am his, while he is mine.

- 3 Whate'er may change, in him no change is seen,
 A glorious Sun that wanes not nor declines,
 Above the clouds and storms he walks serene,
 And on his people's inward darkness shines:
 All may depart, I fret not, nor repine,
 While I my Saviour's am, while he is mine.

- 4.*While here, alas! I know but half his love,
 But half discern him, and but half adore;
 But when I meet him in the realms above
 I hope to love him better, praise him more,
 And feel, and tell, amid the choir divine,
 How fully I am his, and he is mine.

105

Richard Baxter,† 1615-91

LORD, it belongs not to my care
 Whether I die or live;
 To love and serve thee is my share,
 And this thy grace must give.

- 2 If life be long, I will be glad,
 That I may long obey;
 If short, yet why should I be sad
 Since all receive their pay?
- 3 Christ leads me through no darker rooms
 Than he went through before;
 He that into God's Kingdom comes
 Must enter by this door.
- 4 Come, Lord, when grace hath made me meet
 Thy blessèd face to see:
 For if thy work on earth be sweet,
 What will thy glory be!
- 5.*My knowledge of that life is small,
 The eye of faith is dim;
 But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
 And I shall be with him.

(This hymn may be begun at verse 3.)

106

Bp. Synesius, 375-430. Pr. A. W. Chatfield.

Μνώεο Χριστὲ.

LORD Jesus, think on me
 And purge away my sin;
 From earthborn passions set me free,
 And make me pure within.

- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
 With care and woe opprest;
 Let me thy loving servant be,
 And taste thy promised rest.

- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.
- 5* Lord Jesus, think on me
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be thou nigh.
6. Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.

107

Thomas Washbourne, 1606-87.

LORD, thou hast told us that there be
Two dwellings which belong to thee,
And those two, that's the wonder,
Are far asunder.

- 2 The one the highest heaven is,
The mansions of eternal bliss;
'The other's the contrite
And humble sprite.
- 3 Though heaven be high, the gate is low,
And he that comes in there must bow;
The lofty looks shall ne'er
Have entrance there.

4. O God! since thou delight'st to rest
 Within the humble contrite breast,
 First make me so to be,
 Then dwell with me.

108

J. D. Carlyle, 1759-1804.

- L**ORD, when we bend before thy throne,
 And our confessions pour,
 Teach us to feel the sins we own,
 And hate what we deplore.
- 2 Our broken spirits pitying see
 And penitence impart;
 Then let a kindling glance from thee
 Beam hope upon the heart.
- 3 When we disclose our wants in prayer
 May we our wills resign,
 And not a thought our bosom share
 That is not wholly thine.
4. Let faith each meek petition fill,
 And waft it to the skies;
 And teach our hearts 'tis goodness still
 That grants it or denies.

109

G. W. Briggs.

- L**ORD, who hast made me free,
 Whose hand upholdeth me,
 Thy wondrous love hath found me,
 In willing bonds hath bound me;
 Nor life nor death for ever
 Me from thy love can sever.

- 2 O love, how deep, how high,
On cross of shame to die!
Such love can never fail me,
Thy grace shall still avail me;
In life thou wilt uphold me,
In death thine arms enfold me.
- 3 My strength is not my own:
I trust in thee alone,
And welcome each to-morrow,
Let it bring joy or sorrow;
For thou art still beside me,
Thy hand will alway guide me.
- 4.* Lord of my life and guide,
In thee let me abide,
Thy way more clearly knowing,
To fuller stature growing,
Till I at last before thee
With eyes unveiled adore thee.

110

17th cent. S. P. V.

O Deus, ego amo te.

MY God, I love thee; not because
I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet for fear that loving not
I might for ever die.

- 2 But for that thou didst all mankind
Upon the cross embrace;
For us didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace,
- 3 And griefs and torments numberless,
And sweat of agony;
E'en death itself; and all for man
Who was thine enemy.

- 4 Then why, O blessèd Jesus Christ,
Should I not love thee well,
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
Nor any fear of hell;
- 5 Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as thyself hast lovèd me,
O ever-loving Lord!
- 6.*E'en so I love thee, and will love,
And in thy praise will sing,
Solely because thou art my God,
And my eternal King.

111

J. Byrom, † 1692-1763.

- M**Y spirit longs for thee
Within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be
Of so divine a guest.
- 2 Of so divine a guest
Unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest
Unless it come from thee.
- 3 Unless it come from thee,
In vain I look around;
In all that I can see
No rest is to be found.
4. No rest is to be found
But in thy blessèd love:
O let my wish be crowned,
And send it from above!

112

W. Cowper, 1731-1800.

- O** FOR a closer walk with God,
 A calm and heavenly frame;
 A light to shine upon the road
 That leads me to the Lamb!
- 2 Return, O holy Dove, return,
 Sweet messenger of rest;
 I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
 And drove thee from my breast.
- 3 The dearest idol I have known,
 Whate'er that idol be,
 Help me to tear it from thy throne
 And worship only thee.
4. So shall my walk be close with God,
 Calm and serene my frame;
 So purer light shall mark the road
 That leads me to the Lamb.

113

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

- O** FOR a heart to praise my God,
 A heart from sin set free:
 A heart that always feels thy blood
 So freely spilt for me:
- 2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
 My dear Redeemer's throne;
 Where only Christ is heard to speak,
 Where Jesus reigns alone:
- 3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
 Believing, true, and clean,
 Which neither life nor death can part
 From him that dwells within:

- 4 A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.
5. Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new best name of Love.

114

H. H. Milman, 1791-1868.

- O** HELP us, Lord! Each hour of need
Thy heavenly succour give;
Help us in thought and word and deed
Each hour on earth we live.
- 2 O help us when our spirits bleed
With contrite anguish sore,
And when our hearts are cold and dead,
O help us, Lord, the more.
- 3 O help us through the prayer of faith
More firmly to believe;
For still the more the servant hath,
The more shall he receive.
4. O help us, Jesus, from on high,
We know no help but thee;
O help us so to live and die
As thine in heaven to be.

115

H. S. Oswald, 1751-1834. Tr. F. E. Cox.‡
Wem in Leidenstagen.

- O** LET him whose sorrow
No relief can find,
Trust in God, and borrow
Ease for heart and mind.

- 2 Where the mourner weeping
Sheds the secret tear,
God his watch is keeping,
Though none else be near.
- 3 God will never leave thee,
All thy wants he knows,
Feels the pains that grieve thee,
Sees thy cares and woes.
- 4 Raise thine eyes to heaven
Should thy spirits quail,
When, by tempests driven,
Sight and steering fail.
- 5 All our woe and trouble
Justice will requite,
All our joys redouble
In the eternal height.
6. Jesus, gracious Saviour,
In the realms above
Crown us with thy favour,
Fill us with thy love.

116 *The Lamentation.*

J. Marckant (Old Version, 1560).

O LORD, turn not away thy face
From him that lies prostrate,
Lamenting sore his sinful life
Before thy mercy-gate;

- 2 Which gate thou openest wide to those
That do lament their sin:
Shut not that gate against me, Lord,
But let me enter in.

- 3 So come I to thy mercy-gate,
Where mercy doth abound,
Requiring mercy for my sin
To heal my deadly wound.
4. Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask,
This is the total sum;
For mercy, Lord, is all my suit:
Lord, let thy mercy come.

117

T. Haweis, 1734-1820, and others.

- O** THOU from whom all goodness flows,
I lift my heart to thee;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
Dear Lord, remember me.
- 2 When on my poor distressed heart
My sins lie heavily,
Thy pardon grant, new peace impart:
Dear Lord, remember me.
- 3 When trials sore obstruct my way,
And ills I cannot flee,
O let my strength be as my day:
Dear Lord, remember me.
- 4* If, for thy sake, upon my name
Shame and reproaches be,
All hail reproach, and welcome shame!
Dear Lord, remember me.
- 5 If worn with pain, disease, or grief
This feeble spirit be;
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief:
Dear Lord, remember me.

6. So that, when comes the hour of death,
 My earthly fears may flee:
 This song of praise be my last breath—
 Thou wilt remember me.

118

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

- S**HEPHERD divine, our wants relieve
 In this our evil day;
 To all thy tempted followers give
 The power to watch and pray.
- 2 Long as our fiery trials last,
 Long as the cross we bear,
 O let our souls on thee be cast
 In never-ceasing prayer.
- 3* The spirit of interceding grace
 Give us in faith to claim;
 To wrestle till we see thy face,
 And know thy hidden Name.
- 4 Till thou thy perfect love impart,
 Till thou thyself bestow,
 Be this the cry of every heart,
 'I will not let thee go.'
- 5 I will not let thee go, unless
 Thou tell thy Name to me;
 With all thy great salvation bless,
 And make me all like thee.
6. Then let me on the mountain-top
 Behold thy open face;
 Where faith in sight is swallowed up,
 And prayer in endless praise.

119

C. W. Everest, ‡ 1814-77

TAKE up thy cross, the Saviour said,
 If thou wouldst my disciple be;
 Deny thyself, the world forsake,
 And humbly follow after me.

- 2 Take up thy cross; let not its weight
 Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
 His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
 And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
- 3* Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
 Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
 Thy Lord for thee the cross endured
 And fought the powers of death and hell.
- 4 Take up thy cross then in his strength,
 And calmly every danger brave;
 'Twill guide thee to a better home,
 And lead to victory o'er the grave.
- 5 Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
 Nor think till death to lay it down;
 For only he who bears the cross
 May hope to wear the glorious crown.
6. To thee, great Lord, the One in three,
 All praise for evermore ascend;
 O grant us here below to see
 The heavenly life that knows no end.

120

Francis Turner Palgrave, 1824-97.

THOU say'st, 'Take up thy cross,
 O man, and follow me':
 The night is black, the feet are slack,
 Yet we would follow thee.

- 2 But O, dear Lord, we cry,
That we thy face could see,
Thy blessèd face one moment's space;
Then might we follow thee!
- 3* Dim tracts of time divide
Those golden days from me;
Thy voice comes strange o'er years of change;
How can I follow thee?
- 4* Comes faint and far thy voice
From vales of Galilee;
Thy vision fades in ancient shades;
How should we follow thee?
- 5 Ah, sense-bound heart and blind
Is nought but what we see?
Can time undo what once was true?
Can we not follow thee?
6. Within our heart of hearts
In nearest nearness be:
Set up thy throne within thine own:—
Go, Lord: we follow thee.

121 *Ps. 86. Joseph Bryan (c. 1620).*

TO my humble supplication,
Lord, give ear and acceptance;
Save thy servant, that hath none
Help nor hope but thee alone.

- 2 Send, O send, relieving gladness
To my soul opprest with sadness,
Which, from clog of earth set free,
Winged with zeal, flies up to thee;

- 3 To thee, rich in mercies' treasure,
And in goodness without measure,
Never-failing help to those
Who on thy sure help repose.
4. Heavenly Tutor, of thy kindness,
Teach my dullness, guide my blindness,
That my steps thy paths may tread,
Which to endless bliss do lead.

122

George William Russell ('A. E.').

- WHEN the unquiet hours depart
And far away their tumults cease,
Within the twilight of the heart
We bathe in peace, are stilled with peace.
- 2 The fire that slew us through the day
For angry deed or sin of sense
Now is the star and homeward ray
To us who bow in penitence.
- 3* We kiss the lips of bygone pain
And find a secret sweet in them:
The thorns once dripped with shadowy rain
Are bright upon each diadem.
- 4* Ceases the old pathetic strife,
The struggle with the scarlet sin:
The mad enchanted laugh of life
Tempt not the soul that sees within.
- 5 No riotous and fairy song
Allures the prodigals who bow
Within the home of law, and throng
Before the mystic Father now,
6. Where faces of the elder years,
High souls absolved from grief and sin,
Leaning from out ancestral spheres
Beckon the wounded spirit in.

123

John Donne, 1573-1631.

WILT thou forgive that sin, where I begun,
Which was my sin though it were done
before?

Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

2 Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

3. I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine, as he shines now and heretofore:
And, having done that, thou hast done:
I fear no more.

See also

449 As pants the hart
453 Believe not those
459 Brief life is here
466 Christian, do you see him
476 Come, O thou Traveller
478 Cometh sunshine
481 Dear Lord and Father
510 Hark, my soul
529 I heard the voice of Jesus
532 I look to thee
542 Jesu, lover of my soul
543 Jesus, meek and gentle
554 Lead, kindly Light
572 Lord, who thyself
582 My God, I thank thee

583 My God, my Father
584 My Lord, my Life
127 My song is love unknown
595 O for a thousand tongues
597 O God of truth
599 O happy band of pilgrims
603 O Lord and Master
605 O Lord, in me there lieth
256 O thou who camest
619 Oft in danger, oft in woe
622 Poor Soul, the centre
630 Prayer is the soul's sincere
647 Stern daughter
671 Thou hidden Love
689 (I) We saw thee not

See also the General Hymns.

PASSIONTIDE

124

James Martineau, 1805-1900.

A VOICE upon the midnight air,
 Where Kedron's moonlit waters stray,
 Weeps forth, in agony of prayer,
 'O Father, take this cup away!'

2 Ah, thou, who sorrowest unto death,
 We conquer in thy mortal fray;
 And Earth for all her children saith,
 'O God, take not this cup away!'

3* O Lord of sorrow, meekly die!
 Thou'lt heal or hallow all our woe;
 Thy name refresh the mourner's sigh,
 Thy peace revive the faint and low.

4 Great Chief of faithful souls, arise!
 None else can lead the martyr-band,
 Who teach the brave how peril flies
 When faith unarmed uplifts the hand.

5 O King of earth, the cross ascend!
 O'er climes and ages 'tis thy throne;
 Where'er thy fading eye may bend
 The desert blooms, and is thine own.

6. Thy parting blessing, Lord, we pray:
 Make but one fold below, above;
 And when we go the last lone way,
 O give the welcome of thy love!

125

Phineas Fletcher, 1582-1650.

DROP, drop, slow tears,
 And bathe those beauteous feet,
 Which brought from heaven
 The news and Prince of Peace.

- 2 Cease not, wet eyes,
 His mercies to entreat;
 To cry for vengeance
 Sin doth never cease.
3. In your deep floods
 Drown all my faults and fears;
 Nor let his eye
 See sin, but through my tears.

126

Sidney Lanier, 1842-81.

- INTO the woods my master went,
 Clean forspent, forspent;
 Into the woods my master came,
 Forspent with love and shame;
 But the olives they were not blind to him,
 The little grey leaves were kind to him,
 The thorn tree had a mind to him,
 When into the woods he came.
2. Out of the woods my master went,
 And he was well content;
 Out of the woods my master came,
 Content with death and shame.
 When death and shame would woo him last,
 From under the trees they drew him last:
 'Twas on a tree they slew him, last,
 When out of the woods he came.

127

Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-84.

MY song is love unknown,
 My Saviour's love to me,
 Love to the loveless shown,
 That they might lovely be.

O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

- 2 He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their king.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease,
And 'gainst him rise.
- 5* They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.

Yet cheerful he
 To suffering goes,
 That he his foes
 From thence might free.

6* In life, no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death, no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine;
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like thine.
 This is my Friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend.

P. Gerhardt, 1607-76, based on Salve caput cruentatum (probably by Arnulf von Loewen, 1200-50). Pr. Y. H.

128

O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden.
 O SACRED head, sore wounded,
 Defiled and put to scorn;
 O kingly head, surrounded
 With mocking crown of thorn:
 What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
 Can death thy bloom deflower?
 O countenance whose splendour
 The hosts of heaven adore!

- 2 Thy beauty, long-desirèd,
Hath vanished from our sight;
Thy power is all expired,
And quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
Hide not so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest,
The brightness of thy face.
- 3 I pray thee, Jesus, own me,
Me, Shepherd good, for thine;
Who to thy fold hast won me,
And fed with truth divine.
Me guilty, me refuse not,
Incline thy face to me,
This comfort that I lose not,
On earth to comfort thee.
- 4* In thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation
Upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd
To stand thy cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-belovèd,
Yet thank thee for thy death.
- 5.* My days are few, O fail not,
With thine immortal power,
To hold me that I quail not
In death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended,
And see in my last strife
To me thine arms extended
Upon the cross of life.

129 *Bp. Venantius Fortunatus, 530-609. Tr. A. F.*

Pange lingua gloriosi proelium certaminis.

SING, my tongue, the glorious battle,

Sing the ending of the fray;

Now above the cross, the trophy,

Sound the loud triumphant lay:

Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,

As a victim won the day.

2 Tell how, when at length the fullness

Of the appointed time was come,

He, the Word, was born of woman,

Left for us his Father's home,

Showed to men the perfect manhood,

Shone as light amidst the gloom.

3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,

Went he forth from Nazareth,

Destined, dedicate, and willing,

Wrought his work, and met his death;

Like a lamb he humbly yielded

On the cross his dying breath.

4* Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph,

Now for man the noblest tree,

None in foliage, none in blossom,

None in fruit thy peer may be;

Symbol of the world's redemption,

For the weight that hung on thee!

5. Unto God be praise and glory:

To the Father and the Son,

To the eternal Spirit, honour

Now and evermore be done;

Praise and glory in the highest,

While the timeless ages run.

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*Bp. Venantius Fortunatus, 530-609.
Tr. 1670, &c., S. P. V.*

Vexilla Regis prodeunt.

- THE royal banners forward go,
The cross shines forth in mystic glow,
Where he, the Life, did death endure,
And by that death did life procure.
- 2 There was he slain in noble youth,
There suffered to maintain the truth,
And there, to cleanse the heart of man,
From out his side life's torrent ran.
- 3 Fulfilled is all his words foretold:
Then spread the banners, and unfold
Love's crowning power, that all may see
He reigns and triumphs from the tree.
- 4* O tree of grace, the conquering sign,
Which dost in royal purple shine,
Gone is thy shame; for, lo, each bough
Proclaims the Prince of Glory now.
- 5* For once thy favoured branches bore
The wealth that did the world restore,
The priceless treasure, freely spent,
To pay for man's enfranchisement.
6. Father of all, life's source and spring,
May every soul thy praises sing,
May those obey the rule of heaven
For whom the perfect life was given.

131

Mrs. C. F. Alexander, 1823-95.

THERE is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

- 2 We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.
- 3* He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.
4. O, dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood
And try his works to do.

132 (*Other occasions also.*) T. Kelly, 1769-1854.

- WE sing the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
For this we count the world but loss.
- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is Love';
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us mercy from above.
- 3 The cross! it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens every bitter cup.
- 4 It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
And gilds the bed of death with light;
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinners' refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

133

I. Watts, 1674-1748.

WHEN I survey the wondrous cross,
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ my God;
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4*His dying crimson, like a robe,
 Spreads o'er his body on the tree;
 Then am I dead to all the globe,
 And all the globe is dead to me.
5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a present far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

134

J. R. Wreford (1837), S. Longfellow (1848).

WHEN my love to God grows weak,
 When for deeper faith I seek,
 Then in thought I go to thee,
 Garden of Gethsemane.

- 2 There I walk amid the shades,
 While the lingering twilight fades;
 See that suffering, friendless one
 Weeping, praying, there alone.

- 3 When my love for man grows weak,
When for stronger faith I seek,
Hill of Calvary, I go
To thy scenes of fear and woe.
- 4 There behold his agony
Suffered on the bitter tree,
See his anguish, see his faith,
Love triumphant still in death.
5. Then to life I turn again,
Learning all the worth of pain,
Learning all the might that lies
In a full self-sacrifice.

See also, among others,

99 Ah, holy Jesus	636 Rock of ages
562 Lord Christ, when first	119 Take up thy cross

135 *Palm Sunday.*

*St. Theodulph of Orleans, d. 821.
Tr. J. M. Neale.†*

Gloria, laus et honor.

*ALL glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

- 2 Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one:
- 3 The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply:

- 4 The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present:
- 5* To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise:
- 6.* Thou didst accept their praises:
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King:

136 *Palm Sunday. G. Moultrie (1867), and others.*

- COME, faithful people, come away,
Your homage to your monarch pay;
It is the feast of palms to-day:
Hosanna in the highest!
- 2 When Christ, the Lord of all, drew nigh
On Sunday morn to Bethany,
He called two loved ones standing by:
- 3 'To yonder village go,' said he,
'Where you a tethered ass shall see;
Loose it and bring it unto me':
- 4 The two upon their errand sped,
And brought the ass as he had said,
And on its back their clothes they spread:
- 5 They set him on his throne so rude;
Before him went the multitude,
And in the way their garments strewed:

- 6*Go, Saviour, thus to triumph borne,
Thy crown shall be the wreath of thorn,
Thy royal garb the robe of scorn:
- 7*They thronged before, behind, around,
They cast palm-branches on the ground,
And still rose up the joyful sound:
- 8*‘Blessèd is Israel’s King,’ they cry;
‘Blessèd is he that cometh nigh
In name of God the Lord most high’:
9. Thus, Saviour, to thy Passion go;
Pass through the fleeting ebb and flow,
To meet the yet unconquered foe:

137° *Palm Sunday. H. H. Milman, 1791-1868.*

RIDE on! ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thine humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

- 2 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O’er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father, on his sapphire throne,
Expects his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die;
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

138 *Good Friday.*

A. F.

- I**N the place of sorrow, waiting,
 Stood his foes, deriding, hating,
 While the women watched him die:
 Through the six long hours' endurance
 Words of pity, grief, assurance,
 Told his patient agony.
- 2 Undismayed, his foes forgiving,
 To the last for others living,
 Lays he down his life for all;
 Love heroic, love unshrinking,
 Heaven and earth together linking,
 Reigns he, as the shadows fall.
- 3 On the cross for man presented,
 Thirsting, bleeding, sore tormented,
 Hear him to the Father cry;
 See his body droop and languish,
 As he moves beyond the anguish
 In his last expiring sigh.
4. Truly Son of God in dying,
 Safety for thyself denying,
 In the darkness thou art light:
 Temples fall, but thou abidest;
 O thou Spirit, highest, widest,
 Us in love to thee unite.

139 *Good Friday.**Gabriel Gillett.**(Other occasions also.)*

IT is finished! Christ hath known
 All the life of men wayfaring,
 Human joys and sorrows sharing,
 Making human needs his own.
 Lord, in us thy life renewing,
 Lead us where thy feet have trod,
 Till, the way of truth pursuing,
 Human souls find rest in God.

2 It is finished! Christ is slain,
 On the altar of creation,
 Offering for a world's salvation
 Sacrifice of love and pain.
 Lord, thy love through pain revealing,
 Purge our passions, scourge our vice,
 Till, upon the tree of healing,
 Self is slain in sacrifice.

3. It is finished! Christ our King
 Wins the victor's crown of glory;
 Sun and stars recite his story,
 Floods and fields his triumph sing.
 Lord, whose praise the world is telling,
 Lord, to whom all power is given,
 By thy death, hell's armies quelling,
 Bring thy saints to reign in heaven.

140 *Good Friday.**F. W. Faber, ‡ 1814-63*

O COME and mourn with me awhile;
 Our place be at the Saviour's side;
 O come, together let us mourn:
 Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

- 2 Seven times he spoke, seven words of love;
And for three hours his silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.
3. O love of God! O sin of Man!
In this dread act your strength is tried;
And victory remains with Love:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

141 *Good Friday.* *J. Ellerton, 1826-93.*

- THRONED upon the awful tree,
King of grief, I watch with thee;
Darkness veils thine anguished face,
None its lines of woe can trace,
None can tell what pangs unknown
Hold thee silent and alone;
- 2 Silent through those three dread hours,
Wrestling with the evil powers,
Left alone with human sin,
Gloom around thee and within,
Till the appointed time is nigh,
Till the Lamb of God may die.
 - 3 Hark that cry that peals aloud
Upward through the whelming cloud!
Thou, the Father's only Son,
Thou his own anointed one,
Thou dost ask him—can it be?
'Why hast thou forsaken me?'
 4. Lord, should fear and anguish roll
Darkly o'er my sinful soul,
Thou, who once wast thus bereft
That thine own might ne'er be left,
Teach me by that bitter cry
In the gloom to know thee nigh.

For Good Friday see also Nos. 124-134 and

517 Help us to help
101 Jesus, name all names
562 Lord Christ, when first

580 My faith looks up
117 O thou from whom
689 (II) We saw not

142 *Good Friday, Easter Even. J. R. Darbyshire.*

AT eve, when now he breathed no more,
The faithful few in anguish sore
The Lord they loved to burial bore.

2 To those who mourned him, who can say
How long the hours of sullen day,
How long the nights while hid he lay?

3 O ye who shrink beneath the blow
That death can deal, henceforth ye know
Not hopeless is your human woe.

4. For then, before their tears had ceased,
Love woke to joy the crimson east,
And Jesus rose, from death released.

EASTER DAY AND THE SUNDAY AFTER

143 *16th and 17th cent. Tr. J. M. Neale.‡*
O filii et filiae.

ALLELUYA, alleluya, alleluya!
Ye sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
To-day the grave hath lost its sting:

Alleluya!

2 On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek:

3 A young man bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee':

- 4 That night the apostles met in fear,
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And greeted them with words of cheer:
- 5 Then for that first and best of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise:
- 6 And thus with all the Church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of Light:

PART II

- 7 When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord:
- 8 'Thomas, behold my side,' saith he,
'My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me':
- 9 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried:
10. Blessèd are they that have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign:

144 *St. John Damascene, c. 750. Pr. J. M. Neale.†*
Αἰσωμεν πάντες λαοί.

COME, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his people now
Into joy from sadness;
'Tis the spring of souls to-day;
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.

2 Now the queen of seasons, bright
 With the day of splendour,
 With the royal feast of feasts,
 Comes its joy to render;
 Comes to gladden Christian men,
 Who with true affection
 Welcome in unwearied strains
 Jesus' resurrection.

3. Neither might the gates of death,
 Nor the tomb's dark portal,
 Nor the wrappings, nor the stone,
 Hold thee as a mortal;
 But to-day amidst the twelve
 Thou didst stand, bestowing
 Thine own peace which evermore
 Passeth human knowing.

145 *Lyra Davidica* (1708), and the *Supplement*
 (1816).

JESUS Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluya!*
 Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluya!*
 Who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluya!*
 Suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluya!*

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing
 Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
 Who endured the cross and grave,
 Sinners to redeem and save:

3. But the pains that he endured
 Our salvation have procured;
 Now above the sky he's King,
 Where the angels ever sing:

146 *St. John Damascene, c. 750. Pr. J. M. Neale. ‡*
Ἀναστάσεως ἡμέρα.

THE day of resurrection!
 Earth, tell it out abroad;
 The Passover of gladness,
 The Passover of God!
 From death to life eternal,
 From earth unto the sky,
 Our Christ hath brought us over
 With hymns of victory.

- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
 That we may see aright
 The Lord in rays eternal
 Of resurrection-light;
 And, listening to his accents,
 May hear so calm and plain
 His own 'All hail', and, hearing,
 May raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
 And earth her song begin,
 The round world keep high triumph,
 And all that is therein;
 Let all things seen and unseen
 Their notes of gladness blend,
 For Christ the Lord hath risen,
 Our Joy that hath no end.

147 *Ascribed to 18th cent. Tr. F. Pott.*
Finita jam sunt praelia.

THE strife is o'er, the battle done;
 Now is the Victor's triumph won;
 O let the song of praise be sung:

Alleluya!

- 2 Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
 And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
 Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
- 3 On the third morn he rose again
 Glorious in majesty to reign;
 O let us swell the joyful strain:
- 4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
 From death's dread sting thy servants free,
 That we may live, and sing to thee:

EASTER DAY TO ASCENSION DAY

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4th or 5th cent. Tr. T. A. Lacey.

Sermone blando angelus.

A MESSENGER within the grave
 Good cheer to wondering women gave:
 'Full soon your Master ye shall see;
 He goes before to Galilee.'

- 2 On that fair day of Paschal joy
 The sunshine was without alloy,
 When, to their very eyes restored,
 They looked upon the risen Lord.
- 3 The wounds before their eyes displayed
 They see in living light arrayed,
 And that they see they testify
 In open witness fearlessly.
- 4 O Christ, the King of Gentleness,
 Our several hearts do thou possess,
 That we may render all our days
 Thy meed of thankfulness and praise.
- 5* Maker of all, to thee we pray,
 Fulfil in us thy joy to-day;

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When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share the Paschal victory.

- 6.* To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete.

149 (*Ascension also.*)

A. P. Stanley (cento), 1815-81.

ALL the toil and sorrow done, *Alleluya!*
All the battle fought and won, *Alleluya!*
Now behind we leave the past, *Alleluya!*
Forward be our glances cast. *Alleluya!*

- 2 Still his words before us range,
Through the ages as they change;
Wheresoe'er the truth will lead,
He will give the light we need.
3. Evermore in heart and mind,
We our life in him will find;
To our own eternal Friend,
Evermore let us ascend.

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Bp. Chr. Wordsworth, and others.

ALLELUYA, alleluya!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a song of praise:

*O praise him, O praise him, who died
and is living;*

*Who died all-undaunted, his life for us
giving;*

*In him shall we rise, in our hearts shall
he reign,*

*And man to God's Kingdom at last
shall attain.*

- 2 He who on the cross a victim
 For the world's salvation bled,
 Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
 Now is risen from the dead:
- 3 Christ is risen; we are risen!
 Shed upon us heavenly grace,
 Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
 From the brightness of thy face:
- 4.* Thus we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
 Here on earth may fruitful be,
 In our daily life be gathered
 To eternal life with thee:
 (*The refrain is for use with the tune 'Cöthen'.*)

151

Christopher Smart, 1722-71.

- A WAKE, arise! lift up thy voice,
 Which as a trumpet swell!
 Rejoice in Christ! again rejoice,
 And on his praises dwell!
- 2 Let us not doubt, as doubted some,
 When first the Lord appeared;
 But full of faith and reverence come,
 What time his voice is heard.
- 3 And even as John, who ran so well,
 Confess upon our knees
 The Prince that locks up death and hell,
 And has himself the keys.
- 4* And thus through gladness and surprise
 The saints their Saviour treat;
 Nor will they trust their ears and eyes
 But by his hands and feet:

5* Those hands of liberal love indeed
 In infinite degree,
 Those feet still frank to move and bleed
 For millions and for me.

6. O Dead, arise! O Friendless, stand
 By seraphim adored!
 O Solitude, again command
 Thy host from heaven restored!

152

A. T. Gurney (1862), and others.

CHRIST is risen! Christ is risen!
 He hath burst his bonds in twain:
 Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
 Cry of gladness, soar again!
 For our gain he suffered loss,
 Captive, made us free;
 He hath died upon the cross,
 But the Life is he:

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
 He hath burst his bonds in twain:
 Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
 Earth and heaven prolong the strain!*

2 I.o, the chains of death are broken:
 Rise we then to things above,
 Joying now in every token
 Of thy triumph, Lord of Love.
 He who came to earth again,
 To his friends appeared,
 O'er all hearts to-day doth reign,
 Followed and revered:

3. Radiant angel-spirits thronging,
Hail the Lord in one acclaim,
All ye souls, to God belonging,
Join with us and praise his name:
Christ is risen, all shall rise,
Sing on earth again;
Sing, ye saints in paradise,
Christ is come to reign:

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Michael Weisse, c. 1480-1534.

Tr. C. Winkworth.

Christus ist erstanden.

CHRIST the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high:

Allehuya!

- 2 He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal lamb to-day!
We too sing for joy, and say:
- 3 He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry:
4. Thou, our Paschal lamb indeed,
Christ, to-day thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay:

154

C. A. Alington.

GOOD Christian men rejoice and sing!
 Now is the triumph of our King!
 To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia!

- 2 The Lord of Life is risen for ay;
 Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
 Let all mankind rejoice and say:
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
 That Love, that Life which cannot die,
 And sing with hearts uplifted high:
4. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
 And sing to-day with one accord
 The life laid down, the Life restored:

155

C. F. Gellert, 1715-69. Tr. F. E. Cox.

Jesus lebt, mit ihm auch ich.

JESUS lives! thy terrors now
 Can, O death, no more appal us;
 Jesus lives! by this we know
 Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us:

Alleluia!

- 2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death
 But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm our trembling breath,
 When we pass its gloomy portal:
- 3 Jesus lives! for us he died;
 Then, alone to Jesus living,
 Pure in heart may we abide,
 Glory to our Saviour giving:

4* Jesus lives! our hearts know well
 Nought from us his love shall sever;
 Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
 Tear us from his keeping ever:

5. Jesus lives! to him the throne
 Over all the world is given;
 May we go where he is gone,
 Rest and reign with him in heaven:

156 (*Ascension also.*) *F. B. Macnutt.*

LET all the multitudes of light,
 Their songs in concert raising,
 With earth's triumphal hymns unite,
 The risen Saviour praising.
 Ye heavens, his festival proclaim!
 Our King returneth whence he came,
 With victory amazing.

2 For us he bore the bitter tree,
 To death's dark realm descending;
 Our foe he slew, and set us free,
 Man's ancient bondage ending.
 No more the tyrant's chains oppress;
 O conquering Love! thy name we bless,
 With thee to heaven ascending.

3. Jesus! to thee be endless praise,
 For this thy great salvation;
 O holy Father! thine always
 Be thanks and adoration;
 Spirit of life and light, to thee
 Eternal praise and glory be;
 One God of all creation!

157 (*Other occasions also.*) T. S. N

LET us rejoice, the fight is won,
 Darkness is conquered, death undone,
 Life triumphant! Alleluya!

So age to age each nation grows
 More like the heart of him who rose:

Alleluya, alleluya,¹
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

2 Joy comes again! all shall be well,
 Friends severed now in heaven shall dwell
 Reunited! Alleluya!
 The end of all our ways is love:
 Then rise with him to things above:

3. Thou boundless power, thou God on high,
 How could thy children fear to die?
 Joy immortal! Alleluya!
 Thy Right rewards, thy Love forgives;
 We know that our Redeemer lives:

(*For a Doxology see 415.*)

158 (*Other occasions also.*) P. Dearmer.
Easter Triumph.

LIFE is good, for God contrives it,
 Deep on deep its wonder lies;
 Death is good, for man survives it,
 Lives again in better guise:

¹ *In Eastertide, Christ is risen! Alleluya.*

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This they knew the night they hailed him,
When he came through that which veiled him,
Alleluya, alleluya!
Smiling, wonderful, and wise.

2 Failure cuts the way to triumph,
Winter shapes the leaves of spring:
Easter came because the Master
Loved the light of truth to bring.
Vainly priests in hatred slew him:
He came back, his loved ones knew him.
Alleluya, alleluya!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?

3. Lord, in thee shines man's perfection—
Kind and selfless, strong, and brave;
And thy life and resurrection
Tells of joy beyond the grave:
All mankind is nobled through thee,
All are brothers coming to thee;
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thine the power to guide and save.

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A. F.

LO, when the day of rest was past,
The Lord, the Christ, was seen again;
Unknown at first, he grew to sight:
'Mary' he said—she knew him then:
Alleluya.

2 And dimly in the evening light
He joined two friends who walked alone—
A stranger, till he stayed to sup;
He brake the bread, and he was known:

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- 3 And unto Simon he appeared,
 Who brought the joyful news apace.
 Through bolted doors the presence came;
 They saw their Master face to face:
- 4 He was the same; his deathless form,
 Freed from dull matter, moved and spake;
 The same when Thomas knew him next;
 The same who hailed them on the lake:
- 5* And he was seen in Galilee;
 Five hundred gathered to his call;
 And he was seen by James alone;
 And next by the Apostles all:
- 6* Then once again he came to them,
 Embodied in etheric might,
 And blessed them; as he bade farewell,
 A cloud concealed him from their sight:
- 7* Thus didst thou, Lord, their minds convince;
 Yet was there needed, last of all,
 One more return to mortal eyes,
 To win the last apostle, Paul.
8. O Prince of Life, who once wast killed,
 Whom God has raised to his right hand,
 Thou hast made known the ways of life,
 That we e'en death may understand:

(Verses 6, 7, 8 may be sung as a separate hymn.)

160

C. Wesley, † 1707-88.

LOVE'S redeeming work is done;
 Fought the fight, the battle won:
 Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
 Lo, he sets in blood no more!

- 2 Vain the power of man to quell,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.
- 3 Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

161 (*Ascension also.*)

T. S. N.

REJOICE and be glad! he lives who was
slain,
And Christ in the world is beginning his reign:
Love conquers, forgiving till seventy times
seven,
The Kingdom is coming on earth as in
heaven.

- 2 Rejoice and be glad! for he dwelt on this earth,
The outcast and sorrowful brought he to mirth:
He taught men, and healed men, till light on
them shone;
So cease not from working, till all has been
won.

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- 3 Rejoice and be glad! for our hero is throned;
On earth as in heaven his splendour is owned:
Ascended and with us, even unto the end,
We live by his spirit, our leader and friend.
4. To God be the glory, to Christ be the praise,
To God be our service, in Christ be our ways:
O Spirit eternal, in thee be our rest,
Beyond us, within us, our goal and our guest!

162 *(Ascension also.)* *Jan Struther.*

- R**OUND the earth a message runs:
Awake, awake, you drowsy ones!
Now leaps the sap in every stem
To chant the winter's requiem.
No more of sloth and dullness sing:
Sing love, sing joy, for Christ is King!
- 2 Round the earth a message runs:
Arise, arise, you doleful ones!
Cast off your chains, you captives all
Who long have lain in sorrow's thrall.
No more of grief and anguish sing:
Sing love, sing joy, for Christ is King!
- 3 Round the earth a message runs:
For shame, for shame, you brawling ones!
You shall more true adventure find
In friendliness of heart and mind.
No more of hate and envy sing:
Sing love, sing joy, for Christ is King!
4. Round the earth a message runs:
Rejoice, rejoice, you happy ones!
Now fall the gods of wrath and pain,
Now comes your Prince of Joy to reign;
To him your brave allegiance sing:
Sing love, sing joy, for Christ is King!

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Jan Struther.

- S**ING, all ye Christian people!
 Swing, bells, in every steeple!
 For Christ to life is risen,
 Set free from death's dark prison.
 With joyfulness, with joyfulness your alleluyas
 sing,
 For Christ has come again to greet the spring.
- 2 Green now is on the larches;
 Springtime in triumph marches,
 And every day uncloses
 A host of new primroses:
 Then daffodils and marybuds let us in garlands
 bring,
 For Christ has come again to greet the spring.
3. Skylarks, the earth forsaking,
 Soar to their music-making,
 And in the roof-tree's hollow
 Now builds the trusting swallow:
 So cries to him, so flies to him my soul on fear-
 less wing,
 For Christ has come again to greet the spring.

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C. A. Alington.

SING, brothers, sing and praise your King!
 Gone is the night of sorrow!
 Have ye not heard his royal word,
 'God careth for the sparrow'?
 Our watch we kept while others slept,
 We saw where Joseph laid him,
 Saw women bring their offering,
 The last sad tribute paid him.
 But now from us they'll borrow
 Songs for a joyful morrow!

2. For we have heard a greater word,
 And seen a greater glory;
 Sing, brothers, sing this fair morning,
 And tell the world the story!
 We heard a voice that bade rejoice,
 Where late our Lord was lying,
 No more, it saith, shall there be death,
 Sorrow, nor pain, nor crying:
 And men from birds may borrow
 Songs for a glad to-morrow!

165 (*Ascension also.*) *John Masefield.*

- SING, men and angels, sing,
 For God our Life and King
 Has given us light and spring
 And morning breaking.
 Now may Man's soul arise
 As kinsman to the skies,
 And God unseals his eyes
 To an awaking.
- 2 Sing, creatures, sing; the dust
 That lives by lure and lust
 Is kindled by the thrust
 Of life undying;
 This hope our Master bare
 Has made all fortunes fair,
 And Man can on and dare,
 His death defying.
3. After the winter snows
 A wind of healing blows,
 And thorns put forth a rose
 And lilies cheer us;

Life's everlasting spring
 Hath robbed death of his sting,
 Henceforth a cry can bring
 Our Master near us.

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O. B. C.

TAKE heart, friends and neighbours,
 Now it 's Eastertide;
 Stop from endless labours,
 Worries put aside:
 Men should rise from clamour,
 Evil, folly, strife,
 When God's ancient glamour
 Brings the earth to life.

- 2 Bluebell wakes, and lily,
 Roused from drowsy hours;
 Though the wind blows chilly,
 Soon will come the flowers.
 Into life he raises
 All the sleeping buds;
 Meadows weave his praises,
 And the spangled woods.
3. All his truth and beauty,
 All his righteousness,
 Are our joy and duty,
 Bearing his impress:
 Look! the earth waits breathless
 After winter's strife:
 Easter shows man deathless,
 Spring leads death to life.

167 (*Other occasions also.*)*Hilariter.**German, 1623. Tr. O. B. C.*

THE whole bright world rejoices now,
Hilariter, hilariter;
 The birds do sing on every bough,
Alleluya, alleluya!

2 Then shout beneath the racing skies,
Hilariter, hilariter,
 To him who rose that we might rise,
Alleluya, alleluya!

3 And all you living things make praise,
Hilariter, hilariter;
 He guideth you on all your ways,
Alleluya, alleluya!

4. He, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Hilariter, hilariter,
 Our God most high, our joy and boast,
Alleluya, alleluya!

168 *St. John Damascene, c. 750. Tr. J. M. Neale, and others.**Αὐτὴ ἡ κλητὴ.*

THOU hallowed chosen dawn of praise,
 That best and greatest shinest:
 Fair Easter, queen of all the days,
 Of seasons best, divinest!
 Christ rose from death; and we adore
 For ever and for evermore.

2 Rise, Sion, rise, and looking forth,
 Behold thy children round thee!
 From east and west, from south and north,
 Thy scattered sons have found thee,
 And in thy bosom Christ adore
 For ever and for evermore.

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3. O ye who bear Christ's holy name,
 Give God all praise and glory:
 All ye who own his power, proclaim
 Aloud the wondrous story!
 The Love, the Wisdom, still adore
 For ever and for evermore.

See also

435 A brighter dawn	558 Let the whole creation cry
440 All hail the power	22 Most glorious Lord of life
392 At the name of Jesus	689 (II) We saw not
472 Come, let us join	644 Songs of praise
477 Come, ye people, raise	5 Spring bursts to-day
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389 <i>Hail thee, Festival Day</i>	653 The God of love (<i>Easter</i>)
90 How brightly beams	390 <i>Welcome, Day of the Lord</i>
540 Jesus, good above all other	700 (II) Who is he

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169 (*And for other Festivals.*) O. B. C.

HOW great the harvest is
 Of him who came to save us!
 The hearts of men are his,
 Our law the love he gave us.
 The world lay cruel, blind,
 Nought holding, nought divining;
 He came to human kind,
 And now the light is shining.

- 2 And though the news did seem
 Too good for man's believing,
 'Tis not an empty dream
 Too high for our achieving.
 He triumphed in the strife,
 O'er all his foes he towered;
 They killed the Prince of Life,
 But he hath death o'erpowered.

- 3 Then came the Father's call;
 His work on earth was ended;
 That he might light on all,
 To heaven the Lord ascended.
 To heaven so near to earth,
 Our hearts we do surrender:
 There all things find their worth
 And human life its splendour.
- 4 The power by which there came
 The Word of God among us
 Was love's eternal flame,
 Whose light and heat are flung us;
 That Spirit sent from God,
 Within our hearts abiding,
 Hath brought us on our road
 And still the world is guiding.
- 5.* In Three made manifest,
 Thou source of all our being,
 Thou loveliest, truest, best,
 Beyond our power of seeing;
 Thou power of light and love,
 Thou life that never diest—
 To thee in whom all move
 Be glory in the highest.

ROGATIONTIDE

170

H. F. Lyte, 1793-1847.

GOD of mercy, God of grace,
 Show the brightness of thy face:
 Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
 Fill thy Church with light divine;
 And thy saving health extend
 Unto earth's remotest end.

- 2 Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Be by all that live adored:
Let the nations shout and sing,
Glory to their saviour King;
At thy feet their tributes pay,
And thy holy will obey.
3. Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below, and all above,
One in joy, and light, and love.

171

J. Keble,† 1792-1866.

LORD, in thy name thy servants plead,
And thou hast sworn to hear;
Thine is the harvest, thine the seed,
The fresh and fading year.

- 2 Our hope, when autumn winds blew wild,
We trusted, Lord, with thee;
And still, now spring has on us smiled,
We wait on thy decree.
- 3 The former and the latter rain,
The summer sun and air,
The green ear, and the golden grain,
Are given us by thy care.
- 4 Thine too by right, and ours by grace,
The wondrous growth unseen,
The hopes that soothe, the fears that brace,
The love that shines serene.

144 SONGS OF PRAISE, PART II

5. So grant the precious things brought forth
 By sun and moon below,
 That thee in thy new heaven and earth
 We never may forgo.

See also

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| 630 Prayer is the soul's | | 20 Thou art, O God |
| 4 Spring has now unwrapped | | 21 When spring unlocks |

ASCENSIONTIDE

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C. Wesley, ‡ 1707-88.

HAIL the day that sees him rise, *Alleluya!*
 Ravished from their longing eyes;

Alleluya!
 Christ, awhile to mortals given, *Alleluya!*
 Enters now the highest heaven! *Alleluya!*

- 2 There the glorious triumph waits;
 Lift your heads, eternal gates!
 Wide unfold the radiant scene;
 Take the King of Glory in!
- 3 Him though highest heaven receives,
 Still he loves the earth he leaves;
 Though returning to his throne,
 Still he calls mankind his own.
4. Lord beyond our mortal sight,
 Raise our hearts to reach thy height,
 There thy face unclouded see,
 Find our heaven of heavens in thee.

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Bishop Chr. Wordsworth, ‡ 1807-85

SEE the Conqueror mounts in triumph,
 See him come in royal state,
 Like a laurelled king returning
 To his joyful palace gate;

Hark! the choirs of angel voices
 Joyful alleluyas sing,
 And the portals wide are opened
 To receive their heavenly King.

- 2 Who is this that comes in glory
 With the trump of jubilee?
 Over battles, over armies,
 He has gained the victory;
 He who on the cross did suffer,
 He who from the grave arose,
 He has vanquished sin and Satan,
 He by death has spoiled his foes.
- 3 Thou hast raised our human nature
 To the height on God's right hand;
 There we sit in heavenly places,
 There with thee in glory stand;
 Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
 Man with God is on the throne;
 Mighty Lord, in thine ascension
 We by faith behold our own.
- 4.* Glory be to God the Father;
 Glory be to God the Son,
 Dying, risen, ascending for us,
 Who the heavenly realm has won;
 Glory to the Holy Spirit;
 To one God in persons three;
 Glory both in earth and heaven,
 Glory, endless glory be.

174 (*Other occasions also.*)

Mrs. C. F. Alexander, 1823-95.

THE eternal gates lift up their heads,
 The doors are opened wide,
 The King of Glory is gone up
 Unto his Father's side.

- 2 And ever on our earthly path
A gleam of glory lies,
A light still breaks behind the cloud
That veils thee from our eyes.
- 3 Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds,
And let thy grace be given,
That, while we linger yet below,
Our treasure be in heaven;
4. That, where thou art at God's right hand,
Our hope, our love may be:
Dwell in us now, that we may dwell
For evermore in thee.

175 (*Other occasions also.*) T. Kelly, 1769-1854.

THE head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.

- 2 The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal Light;
- 3 The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.

- 5* They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.
6. The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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George Wither, 1588-1667.

- TO God, with heart and cheerful voice,
A triumph song we sing;
And with true thankful hearts rejoice
In our almighty King;
Yea, to his glory we record,
Who were but dust and clay,
What honour he did us afford
On his ascending day.
- 2 Each door and everlasting gate
To him hath lifted been;
And in a glorious wise thereat
Our King is entered in;
Whom if to follow we regard,
With ease we safely may,
For he hath all the means prepared,
And made an open way.
3. Then follow, follow on apace,
And let us not forgo
Our Captain, till we win the place
That he hath scaled unto:

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And for his honour, let our voice
 A shout so hearty make,
 The heavens may at our mirth rejoice,
 And earth and hell may shake.

See also

440 All hail the power
 149 All the toil
 260 Alleluya, sing to Jesus
 392 At the name
 477 Come, ye people
 480 Crown him upon the
 throne

389 *Hail thee, Festival Day*
 169 How great the harvest
 156 Let all the multitudes
 585 My soul, there is
 161 Rejoice and be glad
 632 Rejoice! The Lord is King
 159 (6-8) Then once again

WHITSUNTIDE

177 (*Other occasions also.*)

Bianco da Siena, d. 1434. Tr. R. F. Littledale.

Discendi, Amor santo.

COME down, O Love divine,
 Seek thou this soul of mine,
 And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 Within my heart appear,
 And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
 Till earthly passions turn
 To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 And let thy glorious light
 Shine ever on my sight,
 And clothe me round, the while my path
 illuming.

3 Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be,
 And lowliness become mine inner clothing;

True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

178 *(Other occasions also.)*

*Bishop J. Cosin, 1594-1672.
Based on Veni, creator Spiritus.*

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

- 2 Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.
- 3 Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.
4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but one;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

179 (*Other occasions also.*)*Before 10th cent. Tr. Y. H.*

Veni, creator Spiritus.

COME, O creator Spirit, come,
And make within our hearts thy home;
To us thy grace celestial give,
Who of thy breathing move and live.

- 2 O Paraclete, that name is thine,
Of God most high the gift divine;
The well of life, the fire of love,
Our souls' anointing from above.
- 3 Thou dost appear in sevenfold dower
The sign of God's almighty power;
The Father's promise, making rich
With saving truth our earthly speech.
- 4 Our senses with thy light inflame,
Our hearts to heavenly love reclaim;
Our bodies' poor infirmity
With strength perpetual fortify.
- 5* Our mortal foe afar repel,
Grant us henceforth in peace to dwell;
And so to us, with thee for guide,
No ill shall come, no harm betide.
- 6.* May we by thee the Father learn,
And know the Son, and thee discern,
Who art of both; and thus adore
In perfect faith for evermore.

180 *The Golden Sequence.*

13th cent. Tr. J. M. Neale.

Veni, sancte Spiritus.

COME, thou holy Paraclete,
And from thy celestial seat
Send thy light and brilliancy:
Father of the poor, draw near;
Giver of all gifts, be here;
Come, the soul's true radiancy.

- 2 Come, of comforters the best,
Of the soul the sweetest guest,
Come in toil refreshingly:
Thou in labour rest most sweet,
Thou art shadow from the heat,
Comfort in adversity.
- 3 O thou light, most pure and blest,
Shine within the inmost breast
Of thy faithful company:
Where thou art not, man hath nought;
Every holy deed and thought
Comes from thy divinity.
- 4* What is soiled, make thou pure;
What is wounded, work its cure;
What is parchèd, fructify;
What is rigid, gently bend;
What is frozen, warmly tend;
Strengthen what goes erringly.
- 5.* Fill thy faithful, who confide
In thy power to guard and guide,
With thy sevenfold mystery.
Here thy grace and virtue send:
Grant salvation in the end,
And in heaven felicity.

181 (*Other occasions also.*)*J. Dryden, 1631-1700.**Based on Veni, creator Spiritus.*

CREATOR Spirit, by whose aid
 The world's foundations first were laid,
 Come, visit every pious mind;
 Come, pour thy joys on human kind;
 From sin and sorrow set us free,
 And make thy temples worthy thee.

- 2 O source of uncreated light,
 The Father's promised Paraclete,
 Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,
 Our hearts with heavenly love inspire;
 Come, and thy sacred unction bring
 To sanctify us while we sing.
- 3 Plenteous of grace, descend from high
 Rich in thy sevenfold energy;
 Make us eternal truths receive,
 And practise all that we believe;
 Give us thyself, that we may see
 The Father and the Son by thee.
- 4.* Immortal honour, endless fame,
 Attend the almighty Father's name;
 The saviour Son be glorified,
 Who for lost man's redemption died;
 And equal adoration be,
 Eternal Paraclete, to thee.

182 (*Other occasions also.*)*Harriet Auber, 1773-1862.*

OUR blest Redeemer, ere he breathed
 His tender last farewell,
 A guide, a comforter, bequeathed
 With us to dwell.

- 2 He came in tongues of living flame,
To teach, convince, subdue;
All-powerful as the wind he came,
As viewless too.
- 3 He came sweet influence to impart,
A gracious, willing guest,
While he can find one humble heart
Wherein to rest.
- 4 And his that gentle voice we hear,
Soft as the breath of even,
That checks each fault, that calms each fear,
And speaks of heaven.
- 5 And every virtue we possess,
And every victory won,
And every thought of holiness,
Are his alone.
6. Spirit of purity and grace,
Our weakness, pitying, see:
O make our hearts thy dwelling-place,
And worthier thee.

183 (*Other occasions also.*) *F. C. Burkitt.*

O UR Lord, his Passion ended,
Hath gloriously ascended,
Yet though from him divided,
He leaves us not unguided;
All his benefits to crown
He hath sent his Spirit down,
Burning like a flame of fire
His disciples to inspire.

- 2 God's Spirit is directing,
No more they sit expecting,
But forth to all the nation
They go with exultation;
That which God in them hath wrought
Fills their life and soul and thought,
So their witness now can do
Work as great in others too.
3. The centuries go gliding,
But still we have abiding
With us that Spirit holy
To make us brave and lowly—
Lowly, for we feel our need,
God alone is strong indeed;
Brave, for with the Spirit's aid
We can venture unafraid.

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Foundling Hospital Collection (1774).

SPIRIT of mercy, truth, and love,
Shed thy blest influence from above,
And still from age to age convey
The wonders of this sacred day.

- 2 In every clime, in every tongue,
Be God's eternal praises sung;
Through all the listening earth be taught
The acts our great Redeemer wrought.
3. Unfailing Comfort, heavenly Guide,
Over thy favoured Church preside;
Still may mankind thy blessings prove,
Spirit of mercy, truth, and love.

185 (*Other occasions also.*)

B. R.

WHEN Christ had shown God's dawning
 Reign,
 His Spirit came to lead,
 That unto truth we might attain
 And all the world be freed.

2 So, when with one accord combined
 The friends of Jesus came,
 They heard God's Spirit like a wind,
 They saw it like a flame ;

3 And they who sat within the walls
 With strange new ardour blazed ;
 Their voices rang like trumpet calls,
 And men thronged up amazed.

4 Greater than stars that swim in space,
 More real than time or tide,
 Is God's unseen compelling grace
 Man's boundless thought to guide.

5. So urge, O Lord, our wills to-day,
 Grant us the Hope divine ;
 Fire us with zeal ; show us the way
 To fill thy vast design.

(*For a Doxology see 416.*)

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458 Breathe on me
 475 Come now, all people
 482 Enduring Soul
 506 Gracious Spirit, dwell
 507 Gracious Spirit, Holy
 389 *Hail thee, Festival Day*
 391 Holy Spirit, make us

520 Holy Spirit, truth
 169 How great the harvest
 559 Life of ages
 574 Love of the Father
 601 O Holy Spirit, God
 616 O thou that movest all
 673 Thou long disowned

TRINITY SUNDAY

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c. 10th cent. Tr. B. H.

O Pater sancte.

FATHER most holy, merciful and tender;
 Jesus our Saviour, with the Father reigning;
 Spirit all-kindly, advocate, defender,
 Light never waning;

- 2 Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;
 Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,
 Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken,
 Hope of all living;
- 3 Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise
 thee;
 Lo, all things serve thee through thy whole
 creation:
 Hear us, Almighty, hear us, as we raise thee
 Heart's adoration.
4. To the all-ruling triune God be glory:
 Highest and greatest, help thou our
 endeavour,
 We too would praise thee, giving honour
 worthy,
 Now and for ever.

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Bishop R. Heber, 1783-1826.

HOLY, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise
 to thee;
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around
the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before
thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide
thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may
not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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F. W. Faber, 1814-63.

MOST ancient of all mysteries,
Before thy throne we lie;
Have mercy now, most merciful,
Most holy Trinity.

- 2 When heaven and earth were yet unmade,
When time was yet unknown,
Thou in thy bliss and majesty
Didst live and love alone.
- 3 Thou wert not born; there was no fount
From which thy being flowed;
There is no end which thou canst reach
But thou art simply God.

158 SONGS OF PRAISE, PART II

- 4 How wonderful creation is,
The work which thou didst bless,
And O what then must thou be like,
Eternal loveliness!
- 5 O listen then, most pitiful,
To thy poor creature's heart:
It blesses thee that thou art God,
That thou art what thou art.
- 6.* Most ancient of all mysteries,
Still at thy throne we lie:
Have mercy now, most merciful,
Most holy Trinity.

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| 441 All hail to the Power | 609 O sing to the Lord |
| 460 Bright the vision | 612 O source divine |
| 482 Enduring Soul | 614 O thou in all thy |
| 485 Eternal Ruler | 51 O Trinity of blessed |
| 169 How great the harvest | 618 O worship the King |
| 526 How shall I sing | 624 Praise the Lord |
| 528 I bind unto myself | 626 Praise to the Lord |
| 534 I sought thee round | 398 The God of Abraham |
| 535 Immortal, invisible | 655 The Lord is in his holy |
| 558 Let the whole creation | 657 The Lord of Heaven |
| 563 Lord, my weak thought | 663 There are a myriad |
| 564 Lord of all being | 675 Thou wast, O God |
| 584 My Lord, my Life | 681 To God, the everlasting |
| 588 No coward soul | 690 We sing of God |

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DEDICATION FESTIVALS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 189 *Dedication or Restoration of a Church.*
J. G. Whittier, 1807-92.

ALL things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee:
And hence with grateful hearts to-day
Thine own before thy feet we lay.

- 2 Thy will was in the builders' thought;
Thy hand unseen amidst us wrought;
Through mortal motive, scheme and plan,
Thy wise eternal purpose ran.
- 3 In weakness and in want we call
On thee for whom the heavens are small;
Thy glory is thy children's good,
Thy joy thy tender fatherhood.
4. O Father, deign these walls to bless;
Fill with thy love their emptiness;
And let their door a gateway be
To lead us from ourselves to thee.

190 *Dedication Festival.*

c. 7th cent. Tr. J. M. Neale.‡

Urbs beata Jerusalem.

- B**LESSÈD city, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who, of living stones upbuilded,
Art the joy of heaven above,
And, with angel cohorts circled,
As a bride to earth dost move!
- 2 From celestial realms descending,
Bridal glory round her shed,
To his presence, decked with jewels,
By her Lord shall she be led:
All her streets, and all her bulwarks,
Of pure gold are fashionèd.
 - 3 Bright with pearls her portals glitter,
They are open evermore;
And, by virtue of his merits,
Thither faithful souls may soar
Who for Christ's dear name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

- 4 Many a blow and biting sculpture
 Fashioned well those stones elect,
 In their places now compacted
 By the heavenly architect,
 Who therewith hath willed for ever
 That his palace should be decked.

PART II

- 5 Christ is made the sure foundation,
 And the precious corner-stone,
 Who, the two walls underlying,
 Bound in each, binds both in one,
 Holy Sion's help for ever,
 And her confidence alone.
- 6 All that dedicated city,
 Dearly loved by God on high,
 In exultant jubilation
 Pours perpetual melody:
 God the One, and God the trinal,
 Singing everlastingly.
- 7 To this temple, where we call thee,
 Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
 With thy wonted loving-kindness
 Hear thy people as they pray;
 And thy fullest benediction
 Shed within its walls for ay.

Doxology after either Part

8. Laud and honour to the Father;
 Laud and honour to the Son;
 Laud and honour to the Spirit;
 Ever three and ever One:
 Consubstantial, co-eternal,
 While unending ages run.

191 *G. Tersteegen, 1697-1769. Tr. J. Wesley. ‡*

Gott ist gegenwärtig.

LO, God is here! Let us adore
 And own how solemn is this place!
 Let all within us feel his power,
 And silent bow before his face;
 Who know his power, his grace who prove,
 Serve him with awe, with reverence love.

2. Lo, God is here! Him day and night
 The united choirs of angels sing;
 To him, enthroned above all height,
 Heaven's hosts their noblest praises bring;
 To him may all our thoughts arise,
 In never-ceasing sacrifice.

192 *Commemoration or Anniversary.*
F. L. Hosmer, 1840-1929.

O LIGHT, from age to age the same,
 O ever-living Word,
 Here have we felt thy kindling flame,
 Thy voice within have heard.

- 2 Here holy thought and hymn and prayer
 Have winged the spirit's powers,
 And made these walls divinely fair,
 Thy temple, Lord, and ours.
- 3 What visions rise above the years;
 What tender memories throng!
 Till each eye fills with happy tears,
 Each heart with happy song.
- 4 Vanish the mists of time and sense;
 They come, the loved of yore,
 And one encircling providence
 Holds all for evermore.

5 O not in vain their toil, who wrought
 To build faith's freer shrine;
 Nor theirs, whose steadfast love and thought
 Have watched the fire divine.

6. Burn, holy Fire, and shine more wide!
 While systems rise and fall,
 Faith, hope, and charity abide,
 The heart and soul of all.

193 (*Other occasions also.*)

The Builders.

Geoffrey Dearmer.

SING, all good people gathered;
 Your voices raise in song
 Within this church that fathered
 Our ancient faith so strong,
 So tried and wrought to fitness
 In scorn of fire and sword;
 Sing, as these stones bear witness,
 Of men who praised the Lord.

2* Each rib from pillars springing
 A frozen fountain plays,
 Above the chancel singing
 In harmony of praise;
 Like tall trees ever growing
 The differing columns stand
 To bear the vault down-throwing
 The shadow of God's hand.

3* At all times and unceasing,
 Work well and truly done,
 In loveliness increasing
 Has mellowed here in one;

The towers and piers unshaken,
 The vaulting finely groined,
 Time in his span hath taken
 And in one glory joined.

4 Of wealth and fame and power
 Those masons did not know:
 'Let 's build', they said, 'a tower,
 Square to the winds that blow;
 We are not men of culture,
 Yet we are here to build
 Room for a king's sepulture
 And worthy of our guild.'

5 So came each beam and rafter,
 Each wingèd flight of stone.
 Their deathless work lives after,
 Their names were never known:
 For beauty did they plead not,
 Yet beauty they did win,
 And, like a child you heed not,
 The grace of heaven crept in.

6* Here, for a workman's wages,
 This glass so surely stained
 Down the long aisles of ages
 In glory has remained.
 As brother works with brother,
 The glaziers worked to paint
 The blue robe of the mother,
 The red robe of the saint.

7. Proud heads lie here, disowning
 All but a drooping Head;
 Whole hands worked here, atoning
 For open Hands that bled;

Full hearts and living voices
 A broken Heart proclaim;
 Life after death rejoices,
 And after silence, fame.

See also under All Saints (243-4), and

464 Christ is our corner-stone
 468 City of God
 480 Crown him upon the
 throne
 394 Forward! be our watch-
 word
 497 Gather us in

389 *Hail thee, Festival Day*
 525 How lovely are
 551 Jesus, where'er
 602 O life that makest
 613 O sweeter than
 615 O thou not made
 688 We love the place

194 *Church, College, or School Commemoration.* *G. W. Briggs*

OUR Father, by whose servants
 Our house was built of old,
 Whose hand hath crowned her children
 With blessings manifold,
 For thine unfailing mercies
 Far-strewn along our way,
 With all who passed before us,
 We praise thy name to-day.

- 2 The changeful years unresting
 Their silent course have sped,
 New comrades ever bringing
 In comrades' steps to tread;
 And some are long forgotten,
 Long spent their hopes and fears;
 Safe rest they in thy keeping,
 Who changest not with years.
- 3 They reap not where they laboured,
 We reap what they have sown;
 Our harvest may be garnered
 By ages yet unknown.

The days of old have dowered us
 With gifts beyond all praise:
 Our Father, make us faithful
 To serve the coming days.

4. Before us and beside us,
 Still holden in thine hand,
 A cloud unseen of witness,
 Our elder comrades stand:
 One family unbroken,
 We join, with one acclaim,
 One heart, one voice uplifting,
 To glorify thy name.

See also

464 Christ is our corner-stone	592 Now join, ye comrades
470 Come kindred	602 O life that makest
495 For the might of thine arm	640 Sing praise to God

And also Part V, Thanksgiving.

PART III

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN

195

J. Montgomery, 1771-1854.

'FOR ever with the Lord!
Amen; so let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word;
'Tis immortality.
Here in the body pent,
Absent from him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home.

2* My Father's house on high,
Home of my soul, how near
At times to faith's foreseeing eye
Thy golden gates appear!
Ah, then my spirit faints
To reach the land I love,
The bright inheritance of saints,
Jerusalem above.

3 'For ever with the Lord!
Father, if 'tis thy will,
The promise of that faithful word
E'en here to me fulfil.
Be thou at my right hand,
Then can I never fail;
Uphold thou me, and I shall stand;
Fight, and I must prevail.

4. So when my latest breath
 Shall rend the veil in twain,
 By death I shall escape from death,
 And life eternal gain.
 Knowing as I am known,
 How shall I love that word,
 And oft repeat before the throne,
 'For ever with the Lord!'

196 *Katherine Tynan Hinkson, 1859-1931.*

- I WOULD choose to be a doorkeeper
 In the House of the Lord,
 Rather than lords and ladies
 In satin on the sward.
 To draw the bolts for the white souls
 Would be my rich reward:
 And I the happy doorkeeper
 To the House of the Lord.
- 2 Of all troop in not one comes out
 From the House of the Lord,
 Those who have won from sin and death,
 From age and grief abhorred.
 There is more room within its courts
 Than palaces afford;
 So great it is and spacious
 In the House of the Lord.
- 3 They come with shining faces
 To the House of the Lord;
 The broken hearts and weary
 That life has racked and scored:
 They come hurrying and singing
 To sit down at his board,
 They are young and they are joyful
 In the House of the Lord.

- 4 There are lilies and daisies
 In the House of the Lord.
 The lover finds his lover
 With a long, long regard.
 The mothers find the children,
 Strayed from their watch and ward.
 O the meetings and the greetings
 In the House of the Lord!
- 5.* I would be a humble doorkeeper
 In the House of the Lord,
 Where the courts are white and shining
 In the light of the Word.
 When the saved souls come trooping
 For the gates to be unbarred,
 O blessed is the doorkeeper
 In the House of the Lord!

197

Samuel Crossman, ‡ c. 1624-83.

- JERUSALEM on high
 My song and city is,
 My home whene'er I die,
 The centre of my bliss:
*O happy place! when shall I be,
 My God, with thee, to see thy face!*
- 2 There dwells my Lord, my King,
 Judged here unfit to live;
 There angels to him sing,
 And lowly homage give:
- 3 The prophets I might hear,
 The mighty men of old;
 The Lord's apostles there
 I might with joy behold:

- 4 The bleeding martyrs, they
Within those courts are found,
Clothèd in pure array,
Their scars with glory crowned:

- 5.* Ah me! ah me! that I
In Kedar's tents here stay;
No place like that on high;
Lord, thither guide my way:

198 *Part of Hora novissima. Bernard of Cluny,
12th cent. Tr. J. M. Neale.*

JERUSALEM the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

- 2 They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever with them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessèd
Are decked in glorious sheen.

- 3* There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;

And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessèd country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessèd country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

See also
459 Brief life is here

199

Thomas à Kempis, 1380-1471.
Tr. J. M. Neale.

Jerusalem luminosa.

LIGHT'S abode, celestial Salem,
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!

- 2 There for ever and for ever
Alleluya is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.

- 3*O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt thou be,

When endued with so much beauty,
 Full of health, and strong, and free,
 Full of vigour, full of pleasure
 That shall last eternally.

4 Now with gladness, now with courage,
 Bear the burden on thee laid,
 That hereafter these thy labours
 May with endless gifts be paid,
 And in everlasting glory
 Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
 Laud and honour to the Son,
 Laud and honour to the Spirit,
 Ever Three and ever One,
 Consubstantial, co-eternal,
 While unending ages run.

200 *Peter Abelard, 1079-1142. Tr. J. M. Neale.*
 O quanta qualia sunt illa sabbata.

O WHAT their joy and their glory must be,
 Those endless sabbaths the blessed ones
 see!

Crown for the valiant; to weary ones rest;
 God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

2 Truly Jerusalem name we that shore,
 'Vision of peace,' that brings joy evermore!
 Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er,
 Nor the thing prayed for come short of the
 prayer.

- 3 We, where no trouble distraction can bring,
Safely the anthems of Sion shall sing;
While for thy grace, Lord, their voices of
praise
Thy blessèd people shall evermore raise.
4. Low before him with our praises we fall,
Of whom, and in whom, and through whom
are all;
Of whom the Father; and through whom the
Son;
In whom, the Spirit, with these ever one.

201

I. Watts, 1674-1748.

- THERE is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.
- 2 There everlasting spring abides,
And never-withering flowers;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.
- 3 Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood
Stand dressed in living green;
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
While Jordan rolled between.
- 4 But timorous mortals start and shrink
To cross this narrow sea,
And linger shivering on the brink,
And fear to launch away.

- 5*O could we make our doubts remove,
 These gloomy doubts that rise,
 And see the Canaan that we love
 With unbecclouded eyes!
6. Could we but climb where Moses stood,
 And view the landscape o'er,
 Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
 Should fright us from the shore'

See also
 247 Sing alleluya

THE SAINTS

202

Bishop W. W. How, 1823-97.

FOR all the saints who from their labours
 rest,

Who thee by faith before the world confest,
 Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest:

Alleluya!

- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
 might;
 Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought
 fight;
 Thou in the darkness drear their one true
 light:
- 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
 And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold:
- 4*O blest communion! fellowship divine!
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
 Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine:

- 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest:
- 7* But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of Glory passes on his way:
- 8.* From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless
host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

203

Bp. R. Mant, † 1776–1848

- FOR thy dear saint, O Lord,
Who strove in thee to live,
Who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
Our grateful hymn receive.
- 2 For all thy saints, O Lord,
Accept our thankful cry,
Who counted thee their great reward,
And strove in thee to die.
- 3 They all in life and death,
With thee their Lord in view,
Learned from thy Holy Spirit's breath
To suffer and to do.
- 4 For this thy name we bless,
And humbly beg that we
May follow them in holiness,
And live and die in thee;

5. * With them the Father, Son,
And Holy Ghost to praise,
As in the ancient days was done,
And shall through endless days.

204

I. Watts, 1674-1748.

- G**IVE me the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.
- 2 Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch with tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins and doubts and fears.
- 3 I ask them whence their victory came;
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.
- 4 They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.
5. * Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For his own pattern given;
While the long cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to heaven.

205

J. Austin, ‡ 1613-69.

- H**AIL, glorious spirits, heirs of light,
The high-born sons of fire,
Whose souls burn clear, whose flames shine
bright;
All joy, yet all desire.

- 2 Hail, holy saints, who long in hope,
 Long in the shadow sate,
 Till our victorious Lord set ope
 Heaven's everlasting gate.
- 3 Hail, all ye prophets of the Name,
 Who brought that early ray,
 Which from our Sun reflected came,
 And made our first fair day.
4. Hail, all you happy souls above,
 Who make that glorious ring
 About the sparkling throne of love,
 And there for ever sing.

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Bishop Chr. Wordsworth,† 1807-85

HARK the sound of holy voices,
 Chanting at the crystal sea,
 Alleluya, alleluya,
 Alleluya, Lord, to thee!
 Multitude, which none can number,
 Like the stars in glory stands,
 Clothed in white apparel, holding
 Palms of victory in their hauds.

- 2 Patriarch, and holy prophet,
 Who prepared the way of Christ,
 King, apostle, saint, confessor,
 Martyr, and evangelist,
 Saintly maiden, godly matron,
 Widows who have watched to prayer,
 Joined in holy concert, singing
 To the Lord of all, are there.

- 3 Marching with thy cross their banner,
 They have triumphed following
 Thee, the captain of salvation,
 Thee, their saviour and their king;
 Gladly, Lord, with thee they suffered;
 Gladly, Lord, with thee they died,
 And by death to life immortal
 They were born, and glorified.
- 4* Now they reign in heavenly glory,
 Now they walk in golden light,
 Now they drink, as from a river,
 Holy bliss and infinite;
 Love and peace they taste for ever,
 And all truth and knowledge see
 In the beatific vision
 Of the blessèd Trinity.
5. God of God, the one-begotten
 Light of light, Emmanuel,
 In whose body joined together
 All the saints for ever dwell;
 Pour upon us of thy fullness,
 That we may for evermore
 God the Father, God the Spirit,
 One with thee on high, adore.

207

I. Watts and others, 18th cent.

HOW bright these glorious spirits shine!
 Whence all their white array?
 How came they to the blissful seats
 Of everlasting day?

- 2 Lo, these are they from sufferings great
 Who came to realms of light,
 And by the grace of Christ have won
 Those robes that shine so bright.

- 3 Now with triumphal palms they stand
Before the throne on high,
And serve the God they love amidst
The glories of the sky.
- 4 Hunger and thirst are felt no more,
Nor sun with scorching ray;
God is their sun, whose cheering beams
Diffuse eternal day.
- 5* The Lamb, which dwells amid the throne,
Shall o'er them still preside,
Feed them with nourishment divine,
And all their footsteps guide.
6. In pastures green he'll lead his flock
Where living streams appear;
And God the Lord from every eye
Shall wipe off every tear.

208

Y. H.

REJOICE, ye dead, where'er your spirits
dwell;
Rejoice that yet on earth your fame is bright,
And that your names, remembered day and
night,

Live on the lips of those who love you well.

2. 'Tis ye that conquered have the powers of hell,
Each with the special grace of your delight:
Ye are the world's creators, and through
might
Of everlasting love ye did excel.

209

Christina Rossetti, 1830-94.

WHAT are these that glow from afar,
These that lean over the golden bar,
Strong as the lion, pure as the dove,
With open arms, and hearts of love?
They the blessed ones gone before,
They the blessed for evermore,
Out of great tribulation they went
Home to their home of heaven content.

- 2 What are these that fly as a cloud,
With flashing heads and faces bowed,
In their mouths a victorious psalm,
In their hands a robe and a palm?
Welcoming angels these that shine,
Your own angel, and yours, and mine;
Who have hedged us, both day and night,
On the left hand and on the right.
- 3* Light above light, and bliss beyond bliss,
Whom words cannot utter, lo, who is this?
As a king with many crowns he stands,
And our names are graven upon his hands;
As a priest, with God-uplifted eyes,
He offers for us his sacrifice;
As the Lamb of God, for sinners slain,
That we too may live, he lives again.
4. God the Father give us grace
To walk in the light of Jesus' face;
God the Son give us a part
In the hiding-place of Jesus' heart;
God the Spirit so hold us up
That we may drink of Jesus' cup;
God almighty, God three in One,
God almighty, God alone.

210 *H. T. Schenck, 1656-1727. Tr. F. E. Cox.*

Wer sind die vor Gottes Throne.

WHO are these, like stars appearing,
These before God's throne who stand?

Each a golden crown is wearing;

Who are all this glorious band?

'Alleluya!' hark they sing,

Praising loud their heavenly king.

2 Who are these of dazzling brightness,

These in God's own truth arrayed,

Clad in robes of purest whiteness,

Robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,

Ne'er be touched by time's rude hand:

Whence comes all this glorious band?

3 These are they who have contended

For their saviour's honour long,

Wrestling on till life was ended,

Following not the sinful throng;

These, who well the fight sustained,

Triumph through the Lamb have gained.

4* These are they whose hearts were riven,

Sore with woe and anguish tried,

Who in prayer full oft have striven

With the God they glorified;

Now, their painful conflict o'er,

God has bid them weep no more.

5.* These like priests have watched and waited,

Offering up to Christ their will,

Soul and body consecrated

Day and night to serve him still:

Now, in God's most holy place

Blest they stand before his face.

See also

243 For the brave

| **244** Unknown and unrewarded

APOSTLES AND PROPHETS

211

*Based on Supreme quales, Arbiter,
J.-B. de Santeuil (1686).*

DISPOSER supreme, and judge of the earth,
Who choosest for thine the meek and the
poor;

To frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,
Entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;

2 Like clouds are they borne to do thy great will,
And swift as the winds about the world go;
The Word with his wisdom their spirits doth
fill,
They thunder like clouds, and the waters
o'erflow.

3 They hearten the few, they armour the free,
Thy Reign to advance, thy peace to pro-
claim;
The wisdom of kindness they lead men to see,
With fire of the Spirit men's hearts they
enflame.

4 O loud be their trump, and stirring the sound,
To rouse us, O Lord, from slumber of sin;
The lights thou hast kindled in darkness
around,
O may they illumine our spirits within!

5.*All honour and praise, dominion and might,
To thee, three in One, eternally be,
Who pouring around us the waves of thy light,
Dost call us from darkness thy glory to see.

212 *Apostles and Writers.* *P. Dearmer.*

PROPHETS, teachers, true recorders,
 Pioneers, and trusty warders
 Of the truth that Christ revealed,
 But for you the old estranging
 Darkness had endured unchanging,
 God's great love were still concealed.

- 2 You assailed the haunting terrors,
 Struggled, died, to stem the errors,
 Showing God, unknown before:
 When men's foolish hearts were darkened,
 When few turned again and hearkened,
 Undismayed the News you bore.
3. We too, Lord, have misconstrued thee,
 Have but dimly understood thee;
 Hearing oft, we have not heard.
 Make us seek the truth pure-hearted;
 And, that wisdom be imparted,
 Still raise prophets for the Word.

And for all Apostles see

205 Hail, glorious spirits
 197 Jerusalem on high

640 Sing praise to God
 216 (I, III) The Son of God

213 *Matthew Arnold (cento), 1822-88.*

SERVANTS of God, or sons
 Shall I not call you, because
 Not as servants ye knew
 Your father's innermost mind,
 His who unwillingly sees
 One of his little ones lost.

- 2 Yours is the praise if mankind
 Hath not as yet in its march
 Fainted, and fallen, and died:

A feeble wavering line—
 Factions divide them, their host
 Threatens to break, to dissolve;

- 3 Then, in such hour of need,
 Ye, like angels, appear,
 Radiant with ardour divine:
 Languor is not in your heart,
 Weakness is not in your word,
 Weariness not on your brow.
- 4 Ye alight in our van; at your voice,
 Panic, despair, flee away;
 Ye move through the ranks, recall
 The stragglers, refresh the outworn,
 Praise, re-inspire the brave:
 Order, courage, return.
5. Eyes rekindling and prayers
 Follow your steps as ye go.
 Ye fill up the gaps in our line,
 Stablish, continue our march,
 On, to the bound of the waste,
 On, to the City of God.

See also

640 Sing praise to God | 703 Zeal of the Lord

EVANGELISTS

214 (*Other occasions also.*) *P. Dearmer.*

VIRTUE supreme, thy mighty stream
 Inspires the men that heed thee,
 Through human word thou hast conferred
 Thy light on us who need thee;
 And best those Four, the light who bore,
 Through whom we came to know one Name,
 And in thy Son to read thee.

- 2 For these, for all, both great and small
 The path of light pursuing,
 We twine the bays in joyful praise,
 Their glorious record viewing;
 For Jew and Greek, for all who seek
 Thy mind to know, thy ways to show,
 To thee our thanks renewing.
- 3 Nor shall truth cease to make increase:
 Each prophet's brave defiance,
 Each thinker's quest, each critic's test,
 Each system wrought by science;
 Such build thy Church, pure hearts that search,
 Candour for key, who trust in thee
 In full and sure reliance.
- 4.*Still then we ask: the false unmask,
 That truth may free and guide us.
 Truth will prevail, no good can fail,
 Nor shame nor loss betide us.
 In Christ unite all rays of light,
 More clear each age the Gospel page;
 His radiance flames beside us.

See also

457 Book of books

212 Prophets, teachers

645 Spread, still spread

660 The Spirit of the Lord

MARTYRS

215

St. Joseph the Hymnographer, d. 883.

Tr. J. M. Neale.‡

Τῶν ἱερῶν ἀθλοφόρων.

LET us now our voices raise,
 Wake the day with gladness:
 God himself to joy and praise
 Turns our human sadness;

Joy that martyrs won their crown,
Opened heaven's bright portal,
When they laid the mortal down
For the life immortal.

2 Never flinched they from the flame,
From the torment never;
Vain the tyrant's sharpest aim,
Vain each fierce endeavour:
For by faith they saw the land
Decked in all its glory,
Where triumphant now they stand
With the victor's story.

3. Up and follow, Christian men!
Press through toil and sorrow;
Spurn the night of fear, and then,
O the glorious morrow!
Who will venture on the strife?
Who will first begin it?
Who will grasp the Land of Life?
Warriors, up and win it!

216 *Martyrs, &c. Bishop R. Heber, 1783-1826.*

THE Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
Who follows in his train?

2 Who best can drink his cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below,
He follows in his train.

PART II

- 3* The Martyr first, whose eagle eye
 Could pierce beyond the grave;
 Who saw his Master in the sky,
 And called on him to save.
- 4* Like him, with pardon on his tongue
 In midst of mortal pain,
 He prayed for them that did the wrong:
 Who follows in his train?
- 5* A glorious band, the chosen few
 On whom the Spirit came,
 Twelve valiant Saints, their hope they knew,
 And mocked the cross and flame.
- 6* They met the tyrant's brandish'd steel,
 The lion's gory mane,
 They bowed their necks the death to feel:
 Who follows in their train?

PART III

- 7 A noble army, men and boys,
 The matron and the maid,
 Around the Saviour's throne rejoice
 In robes of light arrayed.
8. They climbed the steep ascent of heaven
 Through peril, toil, and pain:
 O God, to us may grace be given
 To follow in their train.

Verses 3 and 4 refer to St. Stephen: they can be omitted, and the Apostles' verse 5 also: verse 6 can be used for Martyrs, or omitted. Parts I and III make a good hymn.

For Martyrs see also

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| 440 All hail the power | 207 How bright these glorious |
| 495 For the might of thine arm | 197 Jerusalem on high |
| 206 Hark the sound | 703 Zeal of the Lord |

SPECIAL DAYS AND OCCASIONS

ST. ANDREW (*Nov. 30th*)

217

Mrs. C. F. Alexander, 1823-95.

JESUS calls us! O'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, 'Christian, follow me':

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.

See also

481 Dear Lord and Father
211 Disposer supreme

212 Prophets, teachers
645 Spread, still spread

*And Service Oversea, 299-303; and, for Scotland, National,
316-24.*

ST. THOMAS

(Dec. 21st)

218

J. R. Darbyshire.

WHO dreads, yet undismayed
 Dares face his terror;
 Who errs, yet having strayed,
 Avows his error—
 Him let Saint Thomas guide,
 Who stirred his fellows' pride
 To move to death beside
 Their Lord and Master.

- 2 Who longs for guidance clear
 When doubts assail him,
 Nor dares to move for fear
 Lest faith should fail him—
 For such the Lord's reply
 To his disciple's cry:
 'I am the Way,' supply
 The light in darkness.
3. Who grieves that love lies dead
 On fate's wheel broken;
 And stands uncomforted
 By any token—
 His faith shall be restored
 By Christ's compelling word
 When Thomas saw the Lord,
 And seeing worshipped.

See also

453 Believe not those who say
 211 Disposer supreme
 614 O thou in all thy might
 so far

212 Prophets, teachers
 670 Thou art my life
 143 (II) When Thomas after-
 wards

ST STEPHEN

(Dec. 26th)

219

Jan Struther.

WHEN Stephen, full of power and grace,
 Went forth throughout the land,
 He bore no shield before his face,
 No weapon in his hand;
 But only in his heart a flame
 And on his lips a sword
 Wherewith he smote and overcame
 The foemen of the Lord.

- 2 When Stephen preached against the laws
 And by those laws was tried,
 He had no friend to plead his cause,
 No spokesman at his side;
 But only in his heart a flame
 And in his eyes a light
 Wherewith God's daybreak to proclaim
 And rend the veils of night.
- 3 When Stephen, young and doomed to die,
 Fell crushed beneath the stones,
 He had no curse nor vengeful cry
 For those who broke his bones;
 But only in his heart a flame
 And on his lips a prayer
 That God, in sweet forgiveness' name,
 Should understand and spare.
4. Let me, O Lord, thy cause defend,
 A knight without a sword;
 No shield I ask, no faithful friend,
 No vengeance, no reward;

But only in my heart a flame
 And in my soul a dream,
 So that the stones of earthly shame
 A jewelled crown may seem.

See also

216 (vv. 3-4, 7-8) The Martyr first

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST (Dec. 27th)

220

J. M. C. Crum.

ON the moorland of life God's Shepherd is
 seen,
 And he waters his flock where the valley is
 green,
 And he calleth his sheep, he knoweth them all,
 And the sheep know his voice and they follow
 his call.

- 2 In the vineyard of life God planted a vine,
 And its leaf doth not wither nor faileth its
 wine;
 For the branches have all one life with the
 root
 And are lovely with leaves and are loaded with
 fruit.
- 3 In the Passover night when Christ was be-
 trayed,
 And his own who had loved him were sorely
 dismayed,
 When all hope in their hearts grew troubled
 and dim,
 Then he spake of the peace of abiding in him.

4. And the love of one heart most near to the
Lord's

In the Gospel has written the mystical words;
They are words of a peace the world cannot
move,

Of the peace of the souls that abide in his love.

See also

457 Book of books

212 Prophets, teachers

660 The Spirit of the Lord

214 Virtue supreme

INNOCENTS' DAY

(*Dec. 28th*)

221

Laurence Housman.

WHEN Christ was born in Bethlehem,
Fair peace on earth to bring,
In lowly state of love he came
To be the children's King.

2 A mother's heart was there his throne,
His orb a maiden's breast,
Whereby he made through love alone
His kingdom manifest.

3 And round him, then, a holy band
Of children blest was born,
Fair guardians of his throne to stand
Attendant night and morn.

4 And unto them this grace was given
A saviour's name to own,
And die for him who out of heaven
Had found on earth a throne.

5 O blessèd babes of Bethlehem,
Who died to save our King,
Ye share the martyrs' diadem,
And in their anthem sing!

6* Your lips, on earth that never spake,
 Now sound the eternal word;
 And in the courts of love ye make
 Your children's voices heard.

7.* Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Child,
 Make thou our childhood thine;
 That we with thee the meek and mild
 May share the love divine.

See also

385 Unto us a boy is born

ST. PAUL (Jan. 25th)

222

Geoffrey Dearmer.

- 'TO Damascus!' Paul had shouted:
 Now he marched in ebbing pride,
 Ere the Voice from heaven had spoken;
 Fought the Silence at his side,
 Fought, surrendered, came in triumph,
 By his conscience crucified.
- 2 Facing him was dark obtuseness,
 At his back the spur and flame
 Of those deeds of persecution,
 Ere from Saul to Paul he came;
 Paul, where others would have hushed it,
 Stood and shouted of his shame.
- 3* Died he daily yet rejoicing:
 Truth to Paul was nurtured in
 Much that in itself was error,
 Since the Law itself was sin:
 Thus it was where others ended
 Paul was ready to begin.

- 4 Paul, the least of the apostles,
 Freedom to the faith restored;
 Claimed for Gentile, slave and woman,
 Christ, the deputy adored;
 Made his felon-doom our symbol,
 Found the comprehensive Lord.
5. Therefore let us praise and honour
 Him who stood and fought alone,
 Soldier, seaman, traveller, teacher,
 Raised in power, in weakness sown;
 Through mankind in Christ he enters
 At the last unto his own.

See also

211 Disposer supreme
 511 Hark what a sound

212 Prophets, teachers
 213 Servants of God

THE PRESENTATION

(Feb. 2nd)

223 *Candlemas.* *Jan Struther.*

WHEN Mary brought her treasure
 Unto the holy place,
 No eye of man could measure
 The joy upon her face.
 He was but six weeks old,
 Her plaything and her pleasure,
 Her silver and her gold.

- 2 Then Simeon, on him gazing
 With wonder and with love,
 His aged voice up-raising
 Gave thanks to God above:
 'Now welcome sweet release!
 For I, my saviour praising,
 May die at last in peace.'

- 3 And she, all sorrow scorning,
 Rejoiced in Jesus' fame.
 The child her arms adorning
 Shone softly like a flame
 That burns the long night through,
 And keeps from dusk till morning
 Its vigil clear and true.
4. As by the sun in splendour
 The flags of night are furled,
 So darkness shall surrender
 To Christ who lights the world:
 To Christ the star of day,
 Who once was small and tender,
 A candle's gentle ray.

See also

94 The greatness of God

ST. MATTHIAS

(Feb. 24th)

224

Geoffrey Dearmer.

- WHEN Judas did his Lord reject
 And fell from common grace,
 Matthias was the one elect
 To fill the vacant place.
- 2 In loyalty to make amends
 For Judas, he became
 One with the Master's chosen friends,
 A witness of his name.
- 3 To serve his fellow men was he
 With comradeship content;
 Thus did the Church with loyalty
 Stone unto stone cement.

4. Since faith with constancy is bound,
 Grant us, O Lord, that we
 On earthly fellowship may found
 Our larger loyalty.

See also

211 Disposer supreme

| 212 Prophets, teachers

ST. DAVID

(*March 1st*)

225

E. J. Newell, 1853-1916.

- WE praise thy name, all-holy Lord,
 For him, the beacon-light
 That shone beside our western sea
 Through mists of ancient night;
 Who sent to Ireland's fainting Church
 New tidings of thy word:
 For David, prince of Cambrian saints,
 We praise thee, holy Lord.
- 2 For all the saintly band whose prayers
 Still gird our land about,
 Of whom, lest men disdain their praise,
 The voiceless stones cry out;
 Our hills and vales on every hand
 Their names and deeds record:
 For these, thy ancient hero host,
 We praise thee, holy Lord.
3. Grant us but half their burning zeal,
 But half their iron faith,
 But half their charity of heart,
 And fortitude to death;
 That we with them and all thy saints
 May in thy truth accord,
 And ever in thy holy Church
 May praise thee, holy Lord.

See also for Wales, National, 316-324

ST. PATRICK (*March 17th*)
See St. Patrick's Breastplate, 528

See also for Ireland, National, 316-324

THE ANNUNCIATION (*March 25th*)

226

O.B.C.

A MESSAGE came to a maiden young;
 The angel stood beside her,
 In shining robes and with golden tongue,
 He told what should betide her:
 The maid was lost in wonder;
 Her world was rent asunder;
 Ah! how could she
 Christ's mother be
 By God's most high decree!

- 2 No greater news could a messenger bring;
 For 'twas from that young mother
 He came, who walked on the earth as a king,
 And yet was all men's brother:
 His truth has spread like leaven:
 'Twill marry earth to heaven,
 Till all agree
 In charity
 To dwell from sea to sea.
- 3 He came, God's Word to the world here below;
 And round him there did gather
 A band who found that this Teacher to know
 Was e'en to know the Father:

He healed the sick who sought him,
 Forgave the foes who fought him;
 Beside the Sea
 Of Galilee
 He set the nations free.

4. And sometimes trumpets from Sion ring out,
 And tramping comes, and drumming;
 'Thy Kingdom come,' so we cry; and they
 shout,
 'It comes!' and still 'tis coming,
 Far, far ahead, to win us,
 Yet with us, nay within us;
 Till all shall see
 That King is he,
 The Love from Galilee!

See also

368 Once in royal

| 80 The holy Son of God

ST. GEORGE

(April 23rd)

227

Laurence Housman.

LORD God of Hosts, within whose hand
 Dominion rests on sea and land,
 Before whose word of life or death
 The strength of nations is but breath:
 O King, enthroned all thrones above,
 Give strength unto the land we love.

- 2 Thou, breath of life since time began,
 Breathing upon the lips of man,
 Hast taught each kindred race to raise
 United word to sound thy praise:
 So, in this land, join, we beseech,
 All hearts and lips in single speech.

- 3 To George our saint thou gavest grace
 Without one fear all foes to face,
 And to confess by faithful death
 That Word of Life which was his breath.
 O help us, Helper of Saint George,
 To fear no bonds that man can forge.
4. Arm us like him, who in thy trust
 Beat down the dragon to the dust;
 So that we too may tread down sin
 And with thy saints a crown may win.
 Help us, O God, that we may be
 A land acceptable to thee.

See also for England, National, 316-325.

ST. MARK (*April 25th*)

228

Laurence Housman.

- THE saint who first found grace to pen
 The life which was the Life of men,
 And shed abroad the Gospel's ray,
 His fame we celebrate to-day.
- 2 Lo, drawn by Pentecostal fire,
 His heart conceived its great desire,
 When pure of mind, inspired, he heard
 And with his hand set forth the Word.
- 3 Then, clearly writ, the Godhead shone
 Serene and fair to look upon;
 And through that record still comes power
 To lighten souls in death's dark hour.

- 4 O holy mind, for wisdom fit
Wherein that Life of lives stood writ,
May we through minds of like accord
Show forth the pattern of our Lord.
- 5 And so may all whose minds are dark
Be led to truth by good Saint Mark,
And after this our earthly strife
Stand written in the Book of Life.
- 6 Praise God who made the world so fair,
And sent his Son our saviour there,
And by his Holy Spirit wist
To teach the first evangelist.

See also

457 Book of books
212 Prophets, teachers

660 The Spirit of the Lord
214 Virtue supreme

ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES (May 1st)

229 *May Carol.*

E. H.

THE winter's sleep was long and deep,
But earth is awakened and gay;
For the life ne'er dies that from God doth rise,
And the green comes after the grey.

- 2* So God doth bring the world to spring;
And on their holy day
Doth the Church proclaim her apostles' fame,
To welcome the First of May.
- 3 Two saints of God went by the road
That leadeth on to light;
And they gave up all at their master's call,
To work in their master's sight.

- 4 Would Philip's mind the Father find?
 Lo, he hath found the Way;
 For to know the Son is to know the One
 Whom the earth and the heavens obey.
- 5 And, James, 'twas thine by grace divine
 To preach the Christian life,
 Where our faith is shown by our works alone,
 And love overcometh strife.
6. Lord, grant that we may brethren be,
 As Christians live in deed;
 For it is but so we can learn to know
 The truth that to thee doth lead.

See also

211 Disposer supreme
 3 Lift your hidden faces

212 Prophets, teachers
 4 Spring has now

St. Philip was one of the twelve apostles. St. James the Lord's Brother was the head of the Church in Jerusalem. The reference in v. 5 is to the Epistle General of James. For St. James the Greater, see 234.

ST. BARNABAS

(June 11th)

230

A. G.

- T**RUE Son of Man, thou crown of human
 valour,
 By whom true men are to thy service drawn,
 Fighting disease and sin and want and squalor,
 We thank thee for the heralds of thy dawn.
- 2 Some spread thy love and freedom to the un-
 knowing,
 Some wrest the secrets hidden fast before,
 Some teach, some plan the word's vast arduous
 sowing,
 Some bear good cheer and balm from door
 to door.

- 3 Thus Barnabas, 'the Son of Inspiration,'
 Who cast his lands at the apostles' feet,
 In fair Greek Antioch laid the great foundation,
 Till 'Christian' rang in every splendid street.
4. Forth then with Paul he went, the stately
 teacher,
 Like Zeus with Hermes to the simple throng.
 So, Lord, may we be quickened by thy nature,
 Heartening the weak, encouraging the
 strong.

See also

212 Prophets, teachers

| 213 Servants of God

Josef (Joseph) was called by the apostles 'Barnabas', which may be rendered as 'the man who brings encouragement and inspiration', or, as the Greek word suggests, 'the man who acts as a paraclete, coming to our side to help us'. The references in v. 3 are to Acts iv. 36-7, xi. 22-6; in v. 4 to Zeus (Jupiter), and to Hermes (Mercury) as the god of eloquence, in Acts xiv. 12.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST

(June 24th)

231 *Paulus Diaconus, 8th cent. Tr. R. Ellis Roberts.*
 Ut queant laxis.

LET thine example, holy John, remind us,
 Ere we can meetly sing thy deeds of wonder,
 Hearts must be chastened, and the bonds that
 bind us

Broken asunder!

- 2 E'en in thy childhood, 'mid the desert places,
 Thou hadst a refuge from the city gainèd,
 Far from all slander and its bitter traces
 Living unstainèd.

- 3 Often had prophets in the distant ages
 Sung to announce the Daystar and to name
 him;
 But as the Saviour, last of all the sages,
 Thou didst proclaim him.
- 4 Than John the Baptist, none of all Eve's
 daughters
 E'er bore a greater, whether high or lowly:
 He was thought worthy, washing in the waters
 Jesus the holy.
5. Angels in orders everlasting praise thee,
 God, in thy triune majesty tremendous;
 Hark to the prayers we penitents up-raise thee:
 Save and defend us.

See also

561 Lo, in the wilderness
 67 On Jordan's bank

213 Servants of God
 8 The summer days

ST. PETER

(June 29th)

232

T. S. N.

- L**OOK up, by failure daunted,
 Ye men of good intent!
 For sin and weakness haunted
 The heart of many a saint:
 And chief of those who went astray
 Was he who thrice denied;
 First to acclaim, he fell away:
 'I know him not,' he cried.
- 2 How oft are men forgiven?
 Ah, Peter, thou dost know;
 Thou lovedst, and wast shriven,
 Steadfast as rock to grow.

We know not where thy wanderings led,
 Or where thy death was met;
 But thou wast true to him who said,
 'Fisher, let down the net.'

- 3 For Paul had grasped the vision—
 A world made one in Christ,
 Nor Law nor Circumcision,
 When faith alone sufficed.
 Then Peter saw that God had made
 Nought common or unclean;
 And James the large foundations laid
 For ages unforeseen.
4. Forth to the lands went Peter,
 His faithful wife beside,
 To make the whole world sweeter
 By him he had denied,
 'Lovest thou me?' Christ once had said,
 'Yea, Lord.' 'Then feed my sheep.'
 We too, who hail thee from the dead,
 Thy dear commands would keep.

See also

211 Disposer supreme

| 212 Prophets, teachers

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

(July 22nd)

233

Jan Struther.

UNTO Mary, demon-haunted,
 With unholy dreams distraught,
 By her neighbours mocked and taunted,
 Christ his healing wisdom brought.

*Banish, Lord, our minds' confusion,
 Fear and fever drive away;
 Down the valleys of illusion
 Spread the kindly light of day.*

- 2 Mary then, with faith unswerving,
 Shared her saviour's tireless days,
 Thankfully her master serving,
 Helping him in humble ways.

*Grant, O Lord, that we may never
 Grow too proud for simple things;
 Let us bring to all endeavour
 Hands unwearied, heart that sings.*

3. Unto her, who saw them sunder
 Valiant soul from tortured frame,
 First appeared the risen wonder,
 First the quickened Jesus came.

*Lord, when time from us has taken
 Earthly joys and earthly friends,
 Let our lonely hearts awaken
 To the joy that never ends.*

*Mary Magdalene is not in the Gospels identified with the sinner-
 woman. See Luke viii. 2.*

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

(July 25th)

234

W. Romanis, 1824-99.

LORD, who shall sit beside thee,
 Enthroned on either hand,
 When clouds no longer hide thee,
 'Mid all thy faithful band?

- 2 Who drinks the cup of sorrow
 Thy Father gave to thee
 'Neath shadows of the morrow
 In dark Gethsemane;

- 3 Who on thy Passion thinking
 Can find in loss a gain,
 And dare to meet unshrinking
 Thy baptism of pain.

- 4 O Jesus, form within us
 Thy likeness clear and true;
 By thine example win us
 To suffer or to do.
5. This law itself fulfilleth:
 Christ-like to Christ is nigh,
 And, where the Father willeth,
 Shall sit with Christ on high.

See also

211 Disposer supreme | 212 Prophets, teachers

St. James, surnamed 'the Greater' (with reference perhaps to his stature) to distinguish him from James the son of Alphaeus, was the son of Zebedee and the brother of John. The reference in the hymn is to Mark x. 37. St. James is the only apostle whose death is recorded (Acts xii. 2); therefore a Martyr's hymn (215-16) is also appropriate.

For St. James the Lord's Brother, see 229 and 232, v. 3.

THE TRANSFIGURATION

(Aug. 6th)

235

Arthur Penrhyn Stanley,† 1815-81.

O MASTER, it is good to be
 High on the mountain here with thee;
 Where stand revealed to mortal gaze
 The great old saints of other days;
 Who once received on Horeb's height
 The eternal laws of truth and right;
 Or caught the still small whisper, higher
 Than storm, than earthquake, or than fire.

- 2 O Master, it is good to be
 With thee, and with thy faithful three:
 Here, where the Apostle's heart of rock
 Is nerved against temptation's shock;

Here, where the Son of Thunder learns
The thought that breathes, the word that
burns;

Here, where on eagle's wings we move
With him whose last best creed is love.

- 3 O Master, it is good to be
Entranced, enwrapt, alone with thee;
Watching the glistening raiment glow,
Whiter than Hermon's whitest snow,
The human lineaments that shine
Irradiant with a light divine:
Till we too change from grace to grace
Gazing on that transfigured face.
4. O Master, it is good to be
Here on the holy mount with thee:
When darkling in the depths of night,
When dazzled with excess of light,
We bow before the heavenly voice
That bids bewildered souls rejoice,
Though love wax cold, and faith be dim,
'This is my Son! O hear ye him.'

See also

589 Not always on the Mount

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

(*Aug. 24th*)

236

Jan Struther.

O SAINT of summer, what can we sing for
you?

How can we praise you, what can we bring for
you?

Lost are your words, your deeds are name-
less,

Saint without history, mute and fameless.

2 Said you wise sayings? No one has hoarded them.

Worked you great wonders? None has recorded them.

Only your name, time's hand defying,
Shines with the light of your faith undying.

3 So fade the words, so vanish the deeds from us
Of each lost summer, swift as it speeds from us;
We jest, we toil, we weep, but after
Slip from our memories grief and laughter.

4 Only the sun that cheered us and shone for us,
All else forgotten, ever lives on for us,
Kindling our hearts when summer's ended—
Soul of the summer, serene and splendid.

5. Time, take our words and do what thou wilt
with them;
Death, take our hands and all that we built
with them;
Only our faith, our soul's endeavour,
Take it, Lord, make it, Lord, shine for ever.

See also

211 Disposer supreme
7 Summer suns

| 8 The summer days
691 We thank thee, Lord

ST. MATTHEW

(Sept. 21st)

237

W. Bright, 1824-1901.

HE sat to watch o'er customs paid,
A man of scorned and hardening trade;
Alike the symbol and the tool
Of foreign masters' hated rule.

- 2 But grace within his breast had stirred;
There needed but the timely word;
It came, true Lord of Souls, from thee,
That royal summons, 'Follow me.'
- 3 Enough, when thou wert passing by,
To hear thy voice, to meet thine eye:
He rose, responsive to the call,
And left his task, his gains, his all.
- 4 O wise exchange! with these to part,
And lay up treasure in thy heart;
With twofold crown of light to shine
Amid thy servants' foremost line.
- 5 Come, Saviour, as in days of old;
Pass where the world has strongest hold,
And faithless care and selfish greed
Are thorns that choke the holy seed.
6. Who keep thy gifts, O bid them claim
The steward's, not the owner's name;
Who yield all up for thy dear sake,
Let them of Matthew's wealth partake.

See also

481 Dear Lord and Father | 211 Disposer supreme

MICHAELMAS

(Sept. 29th)

238

P. Dearmer.

ANGELS and ministers, spirits of grace,
Friends of the children, beholding God's
face,
Moving like thought to us through the beyond,
Moulded in beauty, and free from our bond!

- 2 Messengers clad in the swiftness of light,
Subtle as flame, as creative in might,
Helmed with the truth and with charity shod,
Wielding the wind of the purpose of God!
- 3 Earth's myriad creatures live after their kind,
Dumb, in the life of the body confined;
You are pure spirit, but we here below
Linked in both orders, are tossed to and fro:
- 4 You do God's bidding unshaken and strong,
We are distraught 'twixt the right and the
wrong;
Yet would we soar as the bird from the mesh,
Freed from the weakness and wonder of flesh.
5. We too shall join you as comrades in grace,
Here but a little below you in place;
Then, when we climb from our lowness in
worth,
We too shall herald good will upon earth.

239

J. M. Neale, 1818-66.

- A**ROUND the throne of God a band
Of glorious angels always stand;
Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
And on their heads are crowns of gold.
- 2 Some wait around him, ready still
To sing his praise and do his will;
And some, when he commands them, go
To guard his servants here below.
 - 3 Lord, give thy angels every day
Command to guide us on our way,
And bid them every evening keep
Their watch around us while we sleep.

4. So shall no wicked thing draw near,
 To do us harm or cause us fear;
 And we shall dwell, when life is past,
 With angels round thy throne at last.

240

Christina Rossetti, 1830-94.

SERVICE and strength, God's angels and
 archangels;

His seraphs fires, and lamps his cherubim:
 Glory to God from highest and from lowest,
 Glory to God in everlasting hymn
 From all his creatures.

- 2 Princes that serve, and Powers that work his
 pleasure,

Heights that soar toward him, depths that
 sink toward him;

Flames fire out-flaming, chill beside his
 essence;

Insight all-probing, save where scant and
 dim

Toward its Creator.

- 3 Sacred and free, exultant in God's pleasure,

His will their solace, thus they wait on him,

And shout their shout of ecstasy eternal,

And trim their splendours that they burn
 not dim

Toward their Creator.

4. Wherefore with angels, wherefore with arch-
 angels,

With lofty cherubs, loftier seraphim,

We laud and magnify our God almighty,

And veil our faces rendering love to him

With all his creatures.

ST. LUKE

(Oct. 18th)

241

J. R. Darbyshire.

GREAT is their joy who hide their own
 To serve another's glory:
 Counting it honour to make known
 Their hero's deathless story.

2 Blessed are they who, finding joy,
 For zeal that all may share it
 Gladly their days and gifts employ
 In labour to declare it.

3 Luke was of these: for love of Christ
 He dared the high endeavour
 To be the Lord's evangelist,
 His grace proclaiming ever.

4 Countless the souls led by his art,
 Who tells the son's returning,
 To seek, and find the Father's heart
 With love and pardon yearning.

5. Grant, Lord, that we, like him whom Paul
 Hath named the Loved Physician,
 Straight to thy service at thy call
 May consecrate ambition.

See also

285 From thee all skill

212 Prophets, teachers

213 Servants of God

214 Virtue supreme

ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE

(Oct. 28th)

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G. K. A. Bell (Bishop of Chichester).

CHRIST is the King! O friends rejoice;
 Brothers and sisters, with one voice
 Make all men know he is your choice.

Ring out ye bells, give tongue, give tongue!
 Let your most merry peal be rung,
 While our exultant song is sung.

- 2 O magnify the Lord, and raise
 Anthems of joy and holy praise
 For Christ's brave saints of ancient days,
 Who with a faith for ever new
 Followed the King, and round him drew
 Thousands of faithful men and true.
- 3 O Christian women, Christian men,
 All the world over, seek again
 The Way disciples followed then.
 Christ through all ages is the same:
 Place the same hope in his great name,
 With the same faith his word proclaim.
4. Let Love's unconquerable might
 Your scattered companies unite
 In service to the Lord of light:
 So shall God's will on earth be done,
 New lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
 And the whole Church at last be one.

See also

468 City of God
 211 Disposer supreme

628 Pray that Jerusalem
 678 Through the night

ALL SAINTS

(*Nov. 1st*)

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G. W. Briggs.

FOR the brave of every race,
 All who served and fell on sleep,
 Whose forgotten resting-place
 Rolling years have buried deep—

Brotherhood and sisterhood
Of earth's age-long chivalry—
Source and giver of all good,
Lord, we praise, we worship thee.

2 Prince and peasant, bond and free,
Warriors wielding freedom's sword,
Bold adventurers on the sea,
Faithful stewards of the word,
Toilers in the mine and mill,
Toilers at the furnace-blaze,
Long forgotten, living still,
All thy servants tell thy praise.

3 Valiantly o'er sea and land
Trode they the untrodden way,
True and faithful to command,
Swift and fearless to obey:
Strong in heart and hand and brain,
Strong, yet battling for the weak,
Recked they not of their own gain,
Their own safety scorned to seek.

4*Marvels new and manifold,
Taught of thee, they taught their day:
Fear and bondage, long grown old,
In thy strength they swept away:
Healed the sick and halt and lame,
Made the doubly blind to see:
Glorious Lord, their glorious name
Safe is treasured up with thee.

5. Evermore their life abides,
Who have lived to do thy will:
High above the restless tides
Stands their City on the hill:

Lord and Light of every age,
 By thy same sure counsel led,
 Heirs of their great heritage,
 In their footsteps will we tread.

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P. Dearmer

UNKNOWN and unrewarded,
 Their very names have died—
 Thy true Church through the ages,
 The remnant by thy side:
 These pure in heart did see thee;
 From dross of self refined,
 They spent their lives for others,
 Courageous, peaceful, kind.

- 2 For many learn the doctrine,
 And lose it in their rules,
 And many drown thy Gospel
 In clamour of the schools;
 But thy true saints have found thee
 In all things as thou art;
 These followed thine example,
 The orthodox in heart.
- 3 Wise were they all, and simple,
 And meek, and strong, and sane,
 Beloved and loving were they,
 With laughter in their train;
 They turned from fame and riches
 A happier way to choose,
 They understood thy Kingdom,
 They welcomed thy Good News.

4. O why so few that follow?
 And why are we so far?
 Their gracious way is easy:
 Our dullness makes the bar.
 O King of Saints, inspire us
 The love of self to slay,
 Till, all our ranks advancing,
 We throng the narrow way!

See also

202 For all the saints
 495 For the might
 289 For those we love
 203 For thy dear saint
 204 Give me the wings
 205 Hail, glorious spirits
 206 Hark the sound

207 How bright
 196 I would choose
 291 Joy and triumph
 557 Let saints on earth
 208 Rejoice, ye dead
 209 What are these
 210 Who are these

THE CHURCH ON EARTH

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I. Watts (1707) and Y. H.

- C**HRIST hath a garden walled around,
 A paradise of fruitful ground,
 Chosen by love and fenced by grace
 From out the world's wide wilderness.
- 2 Like trees of spice his servants stand,
 There planted by his mighty hand;
 By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
 To feed their beauty where they grow.
- 3 Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear
 Their sweetest perfume through the air:
 Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
 Till the belovèd Master come:
4. That he may come, and linger yet
 Among the trees that he hath set;
 That he may evermore be seen
 To walk amid the springing green.

246

T. A. Lacey, 1853-1931.

(Faith of our Fathers.)

O FAITH of England, taught of old
 By faithful shepherds of the fold,
 The hallowing of our nation;
 Thou wast through many a wealthy year,
 Through many a darkened day of fear,
 The rock of our salvation.
 Arise, arise, good Christian men,
 Your glorious standard raise again,
 The cross of Christ who calls you;
 Who bids you live and bids you die
 For his great cause, and stands on high
 To witness what befalls you.

- 2★ Our fathers heard the trumpet call
 Through lowly cot and kingly hall
 From oversea resounding;
 They bowed their stubborn wills to learn
 The truths that live, the thoughts that burn,
 With new resolve abounding.
 Arise, arise, good Christian men,
 Your glorious standard raise again,
 The cross of Christ who guides you;
 Whose arm is bared to join the fray,
 Who marshals you in stern array,
 Fearless, whate'er betides you.
- 3 Our fathers held the faith received,
 By saints declared, by saints believed,
 By saints in death defended;
 Through pain of doubt and bitterness,
 Through pain of treason and distress,
 They for the right contended.

Arise, arise, good Christian men,
 Your glorious standard raise again,
 The cross of Christ who bought you;
 Who leads you forth in this new age
 With long-enduring hearts to wage
 The warfare he has taught you.

- 4.* Though frequent be the loud alarms,
 Though still we march by ambushed arms
 Of death and hell surrounded,
 With Christ for chief we fear no foe,
 Nor force nor craft can overthrow
 The Church that he has founded.
 Arise, arise, good Christian men,
 Your glorious standard raise again,
 The cross wherewith he signed you;
 The King himself shall lead you on,
 Shall watch you till the strife be done,
 Then near his throne shall find you.

For countries other than England 'O Faith immortal, taught of old' may be substituted for the opening line above.

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Mozarabic (5th-8th cent.). S. P. V.

Alleluia, piis edite laudibus.

SING alleluya forth in loyal praise,
 Ye citizens of heaven, and sweetly raise
An endless alleluya.

- 2 City of God, eternal and supreme,
 On earth begin, in heaven complete the theme:
 3 Ye spirits blest, God's own victorious band,
 Re-echo through your starry fatherland:
 4 Thus, in one great acclaim shall ever ring
 Blithe strains which tell the virtue of our King:

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- 5 Thee, O Creator of the world, we praise,
And thrilling we tell out our joyous lays:
6. To thee, O Word, our merry hearts we bring;
O Holy Spirit, jubilant we sing:

248 *L. B. C. L. Muirhead, 1845-1925.*

THE Church of God a kingdom is,
Where Christ in power doth reign,
Where spirits yearn till seen in bliss
Their Lord shall come again.

- 2 Glad companies of saints possess
This Church below, above;
And God's perpetual calm doth bless
Their paradise of love.
- 3* An altar stands within the shrine
Whereon, once sacrificed,
Is set, immaculate, divine,
The Lamb of God, the Christ.
- 4 There rich and poor, from countless lands,
Praise Christ on mystic rood;
There nations reach forth holy hands
To take God's holy food.
- 5 There pure life-giving streams o'erflow
The sower's garden-ground;
And faith and hope fair blossoms show,
And fruits of love abound.
6. O King, O Christ, this endless grace
To us and all men bring,
To see the vision of thy face
In joy, O Christ, our King.

249

S. J. Stone, 1839-1900.

THE Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is his new creation
 By water and the word:
 From heaven he came and sought her
 To be his holy bride,
 With his own blood he bought her,
 And for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth,
 Her charter of salvation
 One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses
 With every grace endued.

3* Though with a scornful wonder
 Men see her sore opprest,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distrest,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping,
 Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

4 'Mid toil, and tribulation,
 And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace for evermore;
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

- 5.*Yet she on earth hath union
 With God the three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 On high may dwell with thee.

See also

304 <i>Pioneers.</i> All the past	615 O thou not made with
468 City of God	hands
475 Come now, all people	397 Onward, Christian
485 Eternal Ruler	soldiers
495 For the might	628 Pray that Jerusalem
394 Forward! be our watch-	213 Servants of God
word	642 Soldiers of the cross
497 Gather us in	678 Through the night
500 Glorious things	687 Wake, O wake
558 Let the whole creation	703 Zeal of the Lord
592 Now join, ye comrades	

BAPTISM

250

H. Alford,† 1810-71.

- I**N token that thou shalt not fear
 Christ crucified to own,
 We print the cross upon thee here,
 And stamp thee his alone.
- 2 In token that thou shalt not flinch
 Christ's combat to maintain,
 But 'neath his banner manfully
 Firm at thy post remain;
- 3 In token that thou too shalt tread
 The path he travelled by,
 Endure the cross, despise the shame,
 And sit thee down on high:

4. Thus outwardly and visibly
 We seal thee for his own;
 And may the brow that wears his cross
 Hereafter share his crown.

251

Mrs. K. E. Roberts.

O LORD, thy people gathered here
 Uplift their joyful hearts as one,
 And praise thee, with no thought of fear,
 For this bright gift, a life begun.

- 2 For thou art seen in every place,
 Through all the world thy beauties shine;
 But only man may win the grace
 To know the inward light for thine.

- 3 And so we trace the tender brow,
 And pray these eyes may learn to gaze
 Through all this world of here and now
 To find thee and to see thy ways.

4. Praise, Lord, for this sweet world we know
 With all the joys thy children share,
 And that unknown to which we go,
 Both now and ever 'neath thy care!

See also

491 Fight the good fight
 501 God be in my head
 (with change of pronoun)
 502 God is love
 540 Jesus, good above
 371 Sing to the Lord

651 Sweet Infancy
 248 The Church of God
 653 The God of love
 654 The King of love
 674 Thou true Vine
 685 To us in Bethlem

CONFIRMATION, ADULT BAPTISM, AND SELF-DEDICATION

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J. Julian, 1839-1913.

FATHER of all, to thee

With loving hearts we pray,

Through him, in mercy given,

The life, the truth, the way:

From heaven, thy throne, in mercy shed

Thy blessings on each bended head.

2* Father of all, to thee

Our contrite hearts we raise,

Unstrung by sin and pain,

Long voiceless in thy praise:

Breathe thou the silent chords along,

Until they tremble into song.

3 Father of all, to thee

We breathe unuttered fears,

Deep-hidden in our souls,

That have no voice but tears:

Take thou our hand, and through the wild

Lead gently on each trustful child.

4. Father of all, may we

In praise our tongues employ,

When gladness fills the soul

With deep and hallowed joy:

In storm and calm give us to see

The path of peace which leads to thee.

253

Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871.

JUST as I am, without one plea

But that thy blood was shed for me,

And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,

O Lamb of God, I come.

- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without:
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find:
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because thy promise I believe:
- 5 Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone:
6. Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to
prove,
Here for a season, then above:

(This hymn may be begun at verse 4.)

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M. Bridges, 1800-94.

MY God, accept my heart this day,
And make it always thine,
That I from thee no more may stray,
No more from thee decline.

- 2 Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
And seal me for thine own;
That I may see thy glorious face,
And worship at thy throne.
- 3 Let every thought, and work, and word
To thee be ever given;
Then life shall be thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven.

4. All glory to the Father be,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
 While endless ages run.

255

J. E. Bode, 1816-74.

- O JESUS, I have promised
 To serve thee to the end;
 Be thou for ever near me,
 My master and my friend;
 I shall not fear the battle
 If thou art by my side,
 Nor wander from the pathway
 If thou wilt be my guide.
- 2 O let me hear thee speaking
 In accents clear and still,
 Above the storms of passion,
 The murmurs of self-will;
 O speak to reassure me,
 To hasten or control;
 O speak, and make me listen,
 Thou guardian of my soul.
- 3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
 To all who follow thee,
 That where thou art in glory
 There shall thy servant be;
 And, Jesus, I have promised
 To serve thee to the end;
 O give me grace to follow,
 My master and my friend.
4. O let me see thy footmarks,
 And in them plant mine own;
 My hope to follow duly
 Is in thy strength alone;

O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

256

C. Wesley, † 1707-88.

O THOU who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the low altar of my heart.

2 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.

3. Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.

257

Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79.

TAKE my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
 Not a mite would I withhold.
 Take my intellect, and use
 Every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine:
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart; it is thine own.
 It shall be thy royal throne.
 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At thy feet its treasure-store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for thee.

258

Mrs. M. F. Maude, 1819-1913.

THINE for ever! God of love,
 Hear us from thy throne above;
 Thine for ever may we be
 Here and in eternity.

- 2 Thine for ever! O how blest
 They who find in thee their rest,
 Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,
 O defend us to the end.
- 3 Thine for ever! Lord of life,
 Shield us through our earthly strife;
 Thou the life, the truth, the way,
 Guide us to the realms of day.
- 4* Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep
 These thy frail and trembling sheep;
 Safe alone beneath thy care,
 Let us all thy goodness share.

5. Thine for ever! thou our guide,
All our wants by thee supplied,
All our sins by thee forgiven,
Led by thee from earth to heaven.

See also

449 As pants the hart
458 Breathe on me
177 Come down, O Love
178 Come, Holy Ghost
474 Come, my way, my truth
179 Come, O creator Spirit
180 Come, thou holy Paraclete
485 Eternal Ruler
487 Father, hear
488 Father in heaven
491 Fight the good fight
496 From glory to glory

509 Happy are they
515 *Pilgrim Song.* He who
391 Holy Spirit, make us
528 I bind unto myself
555 Lead us, heavenly
574 Love of the Father
576 Make me a captive
580 My faith looks up
182 Our blest Redeemer
641 Soldiers of Christ
646 Stand up
702 Ye servants of the Lord

COMMUNION

259

J. Montgomery, 1771-1854.

ACCORDING to thy gracious word,
In meek humility
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember thee.

- 2 Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember thee.

- 3 Gethsemane can I forget,
Or there thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
And not remember thee?

- 4 When to the cross I turn mine eyes
And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember thee:

- 5 Remember thee, and all thy pains,
 And all thy love to me;
 Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
 Will I remember thee.
6. And when these failing lips grow dumb,
 And mind and memory flee,
 When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
 Jesus, remember me.

260

W. Chatterton Dix, 1837-98.

- ALLELUYA, sing to Jesus,
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 Alleluya, his the triumph,
 His the victory alone:
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion
 Thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus, out of every nation,
 Hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluya, not as orphans
 Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluya, he is near us,
 Faith believes, nor questions how;
 Though the cloud from sight received him
 When the forty days were o'er.
 Shall our hearts forget his promise,
 'I am with you evermore'?
3. Alleluya, alleluya,
 Glory be to God on high;
 To the Father, and the Saviour,
 Who has gained the victory;
 Glory to the Holy Spirit,
 Fount of love and sanctity;
 Alleluya, alleluya,
 To the triune Majesty.

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W. Bright, 1824-1901.

* **A**ND now, O Father, mindful of the love
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's
tree,

And having with us him that pleads above,
We here present, we here spread forth to
thee

That only offering perfect in thine eyes,
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

- 2* Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
And only look on us as found in him;
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
For lo! between our sins and their reward
We set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

PART II

- 3 And then for those, our dearest and our best,
By this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal:
From tainting mischief keep them white and
clear,
And crown thy gifts with strength to
persevere.
4. And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us
still;
And by this food, so awful and so sweet,
Deliver us from every touch of ill:
In thine own service make us glad and free,
And grant us never more to part with thee.

262

P. Dearmer.

AS the disciples, when thy Son had left them,
Met in a love-feast, joyfully conversing,
All the stored memory of the Lord's last supper
Fondly rehearsing;
So may we here, who gather now in friendship,
Seek for the spirit of those earlier Churches,
Welcoming him who stands and for an entrance
Patiently searches.

2 As, when their converse closed and supper
ended,
Taking the bread and wine they made thanks-
giving,
Breaking and blessing, thus to have com-
munion
With Christ the living;
So may we here, a company of brothers,
Make this our love-feast and commemoration,
That in his Spirit we may have more worthy
Participation.

3. And as they prayed and sang to thee rejoicing,
Ere in the night-fall they embraced and
parted,
In their hearts singing as they journeyed
homeward,
Brave and true-hearted;
So may we here, like corn that once was
scattered
Over the hill-side, now one bread united,
Led by the Spirit, do thy work rejoicing,
Lamps filled and lighted.

263

J. and C. Wesley (1745).

AUTHOR of life divine,
Who hast a table spread,
Furnished with mystic wine
And everlasting bread,
Preserve the life thyself hast given,
And feed and train us up for heaven.

2. Our needy souls sustain
With fresh supplies of love,
Till all thy life we gain,
And all thy fullness prove,
And, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
Behold without a veil thy face.

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J. Conder, † 1789–1855.

BBREAD of heaven, on thee we feed,
For thou art our food indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed
With this true and living bread,
Day by day with strength supplied
Through the life of him who died.

2. Vine of heaven, thy love supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
To thy cross we look and live:
Thou our life! O let us be
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.

265

Bishop R. Heber, 1783–1826.

BBREAD of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead:

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
 Look on the tears by sinners shed,
 And be thy feast to us the token
 That by thy grace our souls are fed.

266

G. W. Briggs.

COME, risen Lord, and deign to be our
 guest;

Nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 Thyself at thine own board make manifest,
 In this our sacrament of bread and wine.

2 We meet, as in that upper room they met;
 Thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
 'This is my body': so thou givest yet:
 Faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

3 One body we, one body who partake,
 One Church united in communion blest;
 One name we bear, one bread of life we break,
 With all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

4. One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
 Who art one saviour and one living Head;
 Then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
 Be known to us in breaking of the bread.

267

J. Franck, 1618-77. Tr. C. Winkworth.
 Schmücke dich.

DECK thyself, my soul, with gladness,
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 Come into the daylight's splendour,
 There with joy thy praises render
 Unto him whose grace unbounded
 Hath this wondrous banquet founded:
 High o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
 Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

- 2 Now I sink before thee lowly,
 Filled with joy most deep and holy,
 As with trembling awe and wonder
 On thy mighty works I ponder;
 How, by mystery surrounded,
 Depths no man hath ever sounded,
 None may dare to pierce unbidden
 Secrets that with thee are hidden.

PART II

- 3 Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
 Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
 Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;
 Fount, whence all my being floweth:
 At thy feet I cry, my Maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, thy glory, given.
4. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
 Let me gladly here obey thee;
 Never to my hurt invited,
 Be thy love with love requited:
 From this banquet let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
 Through the gifts thou here dost give me,
 As thy guest in heaven receive me.

268

7th cent. S. P. V.

Sancti, venite.

DRAW nigh and take the body of the Lord,
 And drink the life and grace for you
 outpoured.

Let us give thanks to him who makes us whole,
 Preserving us in body and in soul.

- 2 Approach ye then with thankful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here:
His servants, led and guarded by the Lord
For life eternal, gather round the board.
3. Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.
Your souls and bodies—less can ne'er suffice:
Offer yourselves a living sacrifice.

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J. G. Adderley.

FATHER, we greet thee, God of Love,
whose glory

Shines mirrored in the face of Jesus Christ,
Who by his perfect life of love and labour
And in his perfect death was sacrificed.

- 2 Father, we dare, by our great Brother bidden,
Take up the cross and humbly follow him:
Send out thy light and truth that they may
lead us;
Show us the way amid the darkness dim.
- 3 Here we present ourselves, our souls and
bodies,
Strengthened with bread, the food of every
man,
Ready to love and work, but yet confessing
Lonely we cannot, by his grace we can.
4. Friends at his table, priests around his altar;
Soldiers of Christ, disciples of thy Son;
Father, we stand, prepared to do thy bidding;
Come, God's own Kingdom, and God's
will be done.

270

H. Bonar, 1808-89.

HERE, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
Here faith would touch and handle things
unseen;

Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
Here drink with thee the royal wine of
heaven;

Here would I lay aside each earthly load;
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heavenly table spread for me;
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with
thee.

4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and
gone;

The bread and wine remove, but thou art here,
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

5* I have no help but thine; nor do I need
Another arm save thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed,
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

6.* Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and
love.

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E. H.

HOLY God, we show forth here
 Jesus' death, our hearts to clear,
 Jesus' life, our life to be,
 Jesus' love, the world to free.
 Stay the faithful, win the strayed,
 Bless the living and the dead.
 Father lead us,
 Saviour feed us,
 Spirit be our store,
 Now and evermore.

2. Lord, unite us every one
 Each to other, through thy Son;
 Join us truly heart to heart,
 Let us ne'er be drawn apart:
 All one bread, one body we,
 Bound by love to all and thee.
 Blessèd Master,
 Bind us faster;
 In thy love divine,
 Love we thee and thine!

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J. S. B. Monsell, 1811-75.

I HUNGER and I thirst;
 Jesus, my manna be:
 Ye living waters, burst
 Out of the rock for me.

- 2 Thou bruised and broken Bread,
 My life-long wants supply;
 As living souls are fed,
 O feed me, or I die.

- 3 Thou true life-giving Vine,
 Let me thy sweetness prove;
 Renew my life with thine,
 Refresh my soul with love.
- 4 Rough paths my feet have trod,
 Since first their course began;
 Feed me, thou Bread of God;
 Help me, thou Son of Man.
5. For still the desert lies
 My thirsting soul before;
 O living waters, rise
 Within me evermore.

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*Liturgy of St. James. S. P. V.**Σιγησάτω πάντα σὰρξ.*

LET all mortal flesh keep silence, and with
 awe and welcome stand;
 Harbour nothing earthly-minded; for, with
 blessing in his hand,
 Christ our Lord with us abideth, loving homage
 to demand.

- 2 King is he, yet born a servant, Lord of all in
 humble guise,
 Truly man, yet God revealing, God as love, to
 mortal eyes;
 God with man, he leads and feeds us, he the
 power and he the prize.
- 3 Rank on rank the hosts immortal sweep in joy
 before thy face,
 Shining in the light exalted, friends and loved
 ones in embrace,
 As the dark dissolves before thee, Light of all
 the human race.

4. At thy feet the seraphs cluster, veil their faces
in that light,
Spirits of just men made perfect, now in time-
less splendour dight,
Saints and angels, all adore thee, serve and
praise thee in the height.

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G. H. Bourne, 1840-1925.

LORD, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluya!

Jesus, true and living Bread.

- 2 Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for faith's discernment pray we
Lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluya!

Thou art here, we ask not how.

PART II

B. R.

- 3 Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.
- 4 As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

5. All our meals and all our living
 Make as sacraments of thee,
 That by caring, helping, giving,
 We may true disciples be.

Alleluya!

We will serve thee faithfully.

275 (*Other occasions also.*)
The Abiding Presence.

G. W. Briggs.

O GOD, in whom we live and move,
 In whom we draw each breath,
 Who fillest all the height above,
 And all the depths beneath;

- 2 Our hands may build thy hallowed fane,
 No bound thy presence owns;
 The heaven of heavens cannot contain,
 The lowly heart enthrones.

- 3 Thou art about our path, where'er
 We seek to tread thy ways;
 All life is sacrament and prayer,
 And every thought is praise.

- 4 And when we gather in thy name,
 To pray with one accord,
 Around, within us, still the same,
 We find thy presence, Lord.

- 5 In simple faith or solemn rite,
 In head and heart and hand,
 Thou art; though hidden from our sight,
 Thou in our midst dost stand.

6. Be with us, Lord; with us abide;
 Go with us where we go;
 Changeless amid life's changing tide,
 Thy presence may we know.

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Bishop R. Heber, 1783-1826.

O MOST merciful!
 O most bountiful!
 God the Father Almighty,
 By the Redeemer's
 Sweet intercession,
 Hear us, help us when we cry.

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St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227-74. Tr. cento.
O salutaris.

O SAVIOUR victim, opening wide
 The gates of life to man below,
 Our foes press hard on every side:
 Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
 2. All praise and thanks to thee ascend
 For evermore, blest One in three;
 O grant us life that shall not end
 In our true native land with thee.

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*After the Communion.**Liturgy of Malabar. Tr. E. H.**Hayyēl Māran 'idhē daphshat.*

STRENGTHEN for service, Lord, the hands
 That holy things have taken;
 Let ears that now have heard thy songs
 To clamour never waken.
 2 Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
 Keep free from all deceiving;
 The eyes which saw thy love be bright,
 Thy blessed hope perceiving.
 3. The feet that tread thy hallowed courts
 From light do thou not banish;
 The bodies by thy spirit fed
 With thy new life replenish.

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*St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227-74.
Tr. Bp. J. R. Woodford.*

Adoro te devote.

THEE we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
Who in thy Supper with us deign'st to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

- 2 O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
And thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.
- 3 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing
flood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence
flow.
4. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
The vision of thy glory and thy grace.

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*St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227-74. Tr. cento.
Tantum ergo.*

THEREFORE we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

2. Glory let us give, and blessing
 To the Father and the Son;
 Honour, might, and praise addressing,
 While eternal ages run;
 Ever too his love confessing,
 Who, from both, with both is one.

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S. P.

WHEREFORE, O Father, we thy humble
 servants

Offer our praises, with our glad thanksgiving,
 Offer ourselves, Lord, souls and bodies to thee,
 Christ's death proclaiming.

2. So, Lord, we thank thee, for that thou dost
 feed us,
 Members united in that mystic body—
 Company blessed of all faithful people:
 Thus we would serve thee.

See also

449 As pants the hart
 496 From glory to glory
 508 Guide me, O thou

253 Just as I am
 573 Love divine
 256 O thou who camest

Hymns for the Seasons and General Hymns are also suitable.

MARRIAGE

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Jan Struther

GOD, whose eternal mind
 Rules the round world over,
 Whose wisdom lies behind
 All that men discover:
 Grant that we, by thought and speech,
 May grow nearer each to each;
 Lord, let sweet converse bind
 Lover unto lover.
 Bless us, God of loving.

- 2 Godhead in human guise
 Once to earth returning,
 Daily through human eyes
 Joys of earth discerning:
 Grant that we may treasure less
 Passion than true tenderness,
 Yet never, Lord, despise
 Heart to sweetheart turning.
 Bless us, God of loving.
- 3 God, whose unbounded grace
 Heaven and earth pervadeth,
 Whose mercy doth embrace
 All thy wisdom madeth:
 Grant that we may, hand in hand,
 All forgive, all understand;
 Keeping, through time and space,
 Trust that never fadeth.
 Bless us, God of loving.
4. God, who art three in One,
 All things comprehending,
 Wise Father, valiant Son,
 In the Spirit blending:
 Grant us love's eternal three—
 Friendship, rapture, constancy;
 Lord, till our lives be done,
 Grant us love unending.
 Bless us, God of loving.

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Mrs. Dorothy F. Gurney.

O PERFECT Love, all human thought
 transcending,

Lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,
 That theirs may be the love which knows no
 ending

Whom thou for evermore dost join in one.

- 2 O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope, and quiet brave endurance,
With childlike trust that fears nor pain nor
death.
3. Grant them the joy which brightens earthly
sorrow,
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly
strife;
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

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Bishop Mandell Creighton, 1843-1901.

O THOU who gavest power to love
That we might fix our hearts on thee,
Preparing us for joys above
By that which here on earth we see:

- 2 Thy Spirit trains our souls to know
The growing purpose of thy will,
And gives to love the power to show
That purpose growing larger still;
- 3 Larger, as love to reverent eyes
Makes manifest another soul,
And shows to life a richer prize,
A clearer course, a nobler goal.
- 4 Lord, grant thy servants who implore
Thy blessing on the hearts they blend,
That from that union evermore
New joys may blossom to the end.
- 5* Make what is best in each combine
To purge all earthly dross away,
To strengthen, purify, refine,
To beautify each coming day.

- 6.* So may they hand in hand advance
 Along life's path from troubles free;
 Brave to meet adverse circumstance
 Because their love points up to thee.

See also

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| 487 Father, hear the prayer | 92 Love came down |
| 509 Happy are they | 573 Love divine |
| 555 Lead us, heavenly Father | 626 Praise to the Lord |

See also Part VI, Thanksgiving, and Part VIII, Doxologies.

THE SICK: HOSPITAL SUNDAY

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Charles Kingsley, 1819-75.

FROM thee all skill and science flow,
 All pity, care, and love,
 All calm and courage, faith and hope:
 O pour them from above!

- 2 And part them, Lord, to each and all,
 As each and all shall need
 To rise, like incense, each to thee,
 In noble thought and deed.

- 3 And hasten, Lord, that perfect day
 When pain and death shall cease,
 And thy just rule shall fill the earth
 With health, and light, and peace;

4. When ever blue the sky shall gleam,
 And ever green the sod,
 And man's rude work deface no more
 The paradise of God.

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J. R. Darbyshire.

LIFE and health are in the name
 Of Jesus Christ our Lord:
 Father, forth from thee he came
 To be the healing Word.
 Now our hearts rejoice to know,
 Marking his life as man with men,
 Nought there is of weal or woe
 That lies beyond thy ken.

- 2 Oft, alas, in hours of pain
 Sick fancies seize the mind;
 Worn and tempted we complain
 Thy heart is all unkind.
 Then thy mercy, shining clear,
 Richly our lives with blessing fills,
 Shaming all our doubt and fear,
 And healing all our ills.
- 3 Thine the gift of patient will
 Affliction to endure;
 Thine the gift of eager skill
 That toils to find a cure.
 Art to quell the fever's rage,
 Faith in the potency of prayer,
 Knowledge gained from age to age,
 Are tokens of thy care.
4. Teach us how to use aright
 These bounties of thy grace,
 Bringing sweetness, health and light
 In every stricken place.
 May on earth thy Kingdom grow,
 Knowledge and faith have common aim,
 And the fruits of mercy show
 The splendour of thy name.

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E. H. Plumptre, 1821-91.

THINE arm, O Lord, in days of old
 Was strong to heal and save;
 It triumphed o'er disease and death,
 O'er darkness and the grave;
 To thee they went, the blind, the dumb,
 The palsied and the lame,
 The leper with his tainted life,
 The sick with fevered frame.

- 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health,
 Gave speech, and strength, and sight;
 And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
 Owned thee the Lord of light;
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 Almighty as of yore,
 In crowded street, by restless couch,
 As by Gennesareth's shore.
- 3 Be thou our great deliverer still,
 Thou Lord of life and death;
 Restore and quicken, soothe and bless
 With thine almighty breath;
 To hands that work, and eyes that see,
 Give wisdom's heavenly lore,
 That whole and sick, and weak and strong,
 May praise thee evermore.

See also

435 A brighter dawn
 42 At even when
 461 Can I see another's
 481 Dear Lord and Father
 505 Good cheer
 517 Help us to help
 532 I look to thee
 536 Immortal love

603 O Lord and Master
 604 O Lord, how happy
 613 O sweeter than
 341 Quick sympathy
 633 *Ring out, wild bells*
 638 Shall God not share
 312 These things shall be
 695 When by fear

THE LIFE BEYOND:

FUNERALS AND COMMEMORATIONS

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Richard Baxter, † 1615-91.

CHRIST who knows all his sheep
 Will all in safety keep,
 He will not lose one soul,
 Nor ever fail us;
 Nor we the promised goal,
 Though hell assail us.

2 I know my God is just;
 To him I wholly trust
 All that I have and am,
 All that I hope for:
 All's sure and seen to him,
 Which here I grope for.

3. Lord Jesus, take this spirit:
 We trust thy love and merit.
 Take home the wandering sheep,
 For thou hast sought it;
 This soul in safety keep,
 For thou hast bought it.

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*Commemoration.**W. Charter Piggott*

FOR those we love within the veil,
 Who once were comrades of our way,
 We thank thee, Lord; for they have won
 To cloudless day;

2 And life for them is life indeed,
 The splendid goal of earth's strait race;
 And where no shadows intervene
 They see thy face.

- 3 Not as we knew them any more,
Toilworn, and sad with burdened care:
Erect, clear-eyed, upon their brows
Thy name they bear.
- 4 Free from the fret of mortal years,
And knowing now thy perfect will,
With quickened sense and heightened joy,
They serve thee still.
- 5 O fuller, sweeter is that life,
And larger, ampler is the air:
Eye cannot see nor heart conceive
The glory there;
- 6 Nor know to what high purpose thou
Dost yet employ their ripened powers,
Nor how at thy behest they touch
This life of ours.
7. There are no tears within their eyes;
With love they keep perpetual tryst;
And praise and work and rest are one
With thee, O Christ.

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Mrs. J. R. C. Dorr, 1825-1913.

HOW can I cease to pray for thee? Some-
where

In God's great universe thou art to-day.
Can he not reach thee with his tender care?
Can he not hear me when for thee I pray?

- 2 What matters it to him who holds within
The hollow of his hands all worlds, all space,
That thou art done with earthly pain and sin?
Somewhere within his ken thou hast a place.

- 3 Somewhere thou livest, and hast need of him;
 Somewhere thy soul sees higher heights to
 climb;
 And somewhere still there may be valleys dim
 That thou must pass to reach the hills
 sublime.
4. Then all the more, e'en if thou canst not hear
 Poor human words of blessing, will I pray,
 O true, brave heart! God bless thee, where-
 soe'er
 In God's great universe thou art to-day!

291 *All Hallows Sequence.*

Adam of St. Victor, c. 1170. Tr. Y. H.

Supernae matris gaudia.

JOY and triumph everlasting
 Hath the heavenly Church on high;
 For that pure immortal gladness
 All our feast-days mourn and sigh:
 Yet in death's dark desert wild
 Doth the mother aid her child,
 Guards celestial thence attend us,
 Stand in combat to defend us.

- 2 Here the world's perpetual warfare
 Holds from heaven the soul apart;
 Legioned foes in shadowy terror
 Vex the Sabbath of the heart.
 O how happy that estate
 Where delight doth not abate!
 For that home the spirit yearneth,
 Where none languisheth nor mourneth.

- 3 There the body hath no torment,
There the mind is free from care,
There is every voice rejoicing,
Every heart is loving there.
Angels in that city dwell;
Them their King delighteth well:
Still they joy and weary never,
More and more desiring ever.
- 4.* There the seers and fathers holy,
There the prophets glorified,
All their doubts and darkness ended,
In the Light of Light abide.
There the saints, whose memories old
We in faithful hymns uphold,
Have forgot their bitter story
In the joy of Jesus' glory.

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P. Dearmer.

NOW thy earthly work is done:
Ours the sorrow, thine the gain;
From this life's tumultuous strain
Thou hast passed, from shade to sun:
Live in peace, where Christ doth shine!
Tireless, deathless joy be thine!

- 2 We are groping, thou dost see;
Gone for thee are doubts and fears,
Gone are struggles, wrongs, and tears;
New-born spirit, thou art free:
- 3 Though thy voice we cannot hear,
Thou wilt not be far away;
Sometimes, when we rest or pray,
We shall know thy spirit near:

4. Friend, God bless thee! May his might
Gird thy soul, and give us share
In thy work, and joy, and prayer,
Till we join thee in the light:

293 *Commemoration.* *J. S. Arkwright.*

O VALIANT hearts, who to your glory
came
Through dust of conflict and through battle
flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

- 2* Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save mankind—yourself you scorned to
save.
- 3* Splendid you passed, the great surrender
made,
Into the light that never more shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.
- 4 Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our redeemer, passed the self-same
way.
- 5 Still stands his cross from that dread hour
to this,
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying
eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

- 6 These were his servants, in his steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son
of God:
Victor he rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.
7. O risen Lord, O shepherd of our dead,
Whose cross has brought them and whose
staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing
land
Commits her children to thy gracious hand.

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Henry Vaughan the Silurist, 1622-95.

- THEY are all gone into the world of light,
And I alone sit lingering here;
Their very memory is fair and bright,
And my sad thoughts doth clear.
- 2 I see them walking in an air of glory,
Whose light doth trample on my days;
My days, which are at best but dull and hoary,
Mere glimmering and decays.
- 3 Dear beauteous death! the jewel of the just,
Shining nowhere but in the dark;
What mysteries do lie beyond thy dust,
Could man outlook that mark!
- 4 And yet as angels in some brighter dreams
Call to the soul when man doth sleep;
So some strange thoughts transcend our wonted
themes,
And into glory peep.
5. O Father of eternal life, and all
Created glories under thee,
Resume thy spirit from this world of thrall
Into true liberty.

295 *Commemoration.**J. M. Neale, 1818-66, and others.*

THEY whose course on earth is o'er,
 Think they of their brethren more?
 They before the throne who bow,
 Feel they for their brethren now?

- 2 We by enemies distress—
 They in paradise at rest;
 We the captives—they the freed;
 We and they are one indeed:
- 3 One in all we seek or shun,
 One, because our Lord is one;
 One in home and one in love;
 We below, and they above.
- 4*Those whom space on earth divides,
 Mountains, rivers, ocean-tides;
 Have they with each other part?
 Have they fellowship in heart?
- 5*Each to each may be unknown,
 Wide apart their lots be thrown;
 Yet in sacrament and prayer
 Each with other hath a share.
- 6*Saints departed, even thus
 Hold communion still with us;
 Still with us, beyond the veil,
 Praising, pleading without fail.
7. So with them our hearts we raise,
 Share their work and join their praise,
 Rendering worship, thanks, and love
 To the King of saints above.

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G. F. Bradby.

WHERE is death's sting? We were not born
to die,

Nor only for the life beyond the grave;
All that is beautiful in earth and sky,
All skill, all knowledge, all the powers we have,
Are of thy giving, and in them we see
No dust and ashes, but a part of thee.

2 Laughter is thine, the laughter free from scorn,
And thine the smile upon a cheerful face:
Thine, too, the tears, when love for love must
mourn,

And death brings silence for a little space.
Thou gavest, and thou dost not take away:
The parting is but here, and for a day.

3. Fullness of life, in body, mind and soul;
'Who saves his life shall lose it,' thou hast said:
A great adventure with a glorious goal;
Nothing that lives in thee is ever dead:
Brave living here: and then, beyond the grave,
More life and more adventure for the brave.

See also

459 Brief life is here
463 Children of the heavenly
347 Father, to thee we look
514 He wants not friends
155 Jesus lives!

557 Let saints on earth
115 O let him whose sorrow
208 Rejoice, ye dead
201 There is a land
325 What heroes

MINISTERIAL SERVICE

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T. T. Lynch, 1818-71.

DISMISS me not thy service, Lord,
But train me for thy will;
For even I, in fields so broad,
Some duties may fulfil;
And I will ask for no reward,
Except to serve thee still.

2 All works are good, and each is best
 As most it pleases thee;
 Each worker pleases, when the rest
 He serves in charity;
 And neither man nor work unblest
 Wilt thou permit to be.

3. Our Master all the work hath done
 He asks of us to-day;
 Sharing his service, every one
 Share too his sonship may:
 Lord, I would serve and be a son;
 Dismiss me not, I pray.

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J. Montgomery, † 1771-1854.

POUR out thy Spirit from on high;
 Lord, thine assembled servants bless;
 Graces and gifts to each supply,
 And clothe thy priests with righteousness.

2 Within the temple when they stand,
 To teach the truth, as taught by thee,
 Saviour, like stars in thy right hand
 May all thy Church's pastors be.

3 Wisdom, and zeal, and faith impart,
 Firmness with meekness, from above,
 To bear thy people in their heart,
 And love the souls whom thou dost love:

4 To watch, and pray, and never faint,
 By day and night, strict guard to keep,
 To warn the sinner, cheer the saint,
 Nourish thy lambs, and feed thy sheep.

5. Then, when their work is finished here,
 May they in hope their charge resign;
 When the chief Shepherd shall appear,
 O God, may they and we be thine.

See also

304 *Pioneers.* All the past
 450 Awake, awake to love
 456 Blest be the day
 178 Come, Holy Ghost
 179 Come, O creator Spirit
 485 Eternal Ruler
 487 Father, hear the prayer

63 High o'er the lonely hills
 391 Holy Spirit, make us
 635 Rise up, O men
 642 Soldiers of the cross
 645 Spread, still spread
 687 Wake, O wake
 702 Ye servants

See also Part IV, Social Service

SERVICE OVERSEA

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Basil Mathews.

FAR round the world thy children sing their
 song;

From East and West their voices sweetly
 blend,

Praising the Lord in whom young lives are
 strong,

Jesus our guide, our hero, and our friend.

- 2* Guide of the pilgrim clambering to the height,
 Hero on whom our fearful hearts depend,
 Friend of the wanderer yearning for the light,
 Jesus our guide, our hero, and our friend.

- 3 Where thy wide ocean, wave on rolling wave,
 Beats through the ages on each island shore,
 They praise their Lord, whose hand alone can
 save,
 Whose sea of love surrounds them evermore.

258 SONGS OF PRAISE, PART III

- 4 Thy sun-kissed children on earth's spreading
plain,
Where Asia's rivers water all the land,
Sing, as they watch thy fields of glowing grain,
Praise to the Lord who feeds them with his
hand.
- 5 Still there are lands where none have seen thy
face,
Children whose hearts have never shared thy
joy:
Yet thou would'st pour on these thy radiant
grace,
Give thy glad strength to every girl and boy.
- 6.*All round the world let children sing thy song,
From East and West their voices sweetly
blend;
Praising the Lord in whom young lives are
strong,
Jesus our guide, our hero, and our friend.

300

A. C. Ainger, 1841-1919.

- G**OD is working his purpose out as year
succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out and the time
is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time
that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God as the waters cover the sea.
- 2*From utmost east to utmost west where'er
man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth
the voice of God,

'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give
ear to me,

That the earth may be filled with the glory of
God as the waters cover the sea.'

3 What can we do to work God's work, to
prosper and increase

The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of
the Prince of Peace?

What can we do to hasten the time, the time
that shall surely be,

When the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God as the waters cover the sea?

4 March we forth in the strength of God with
the banner of Christ unfurled,

That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;

Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set
their captives free,

That the earth may be filled with the glory of
God as the waters cover the sea.

5.*All we can do is nothing worth unless God
blesses the deed;

Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God
gives life to the seed;

Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the
time that shall surely be,

When the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God as the waters cover the sea.

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J. Montgomery, 1771-1854.

LIFT up your heads, ye gates of brass;

Ye bars of iron, yield,

And let the King of Glory pass:

The cross is in the field.

- 2 That banner, brighter than the star
That leads the train of night,
Shines on their march, and guides from far
His servants to the fight.
- 3 A holy war those servants wage;
Mysteriously at strife,
The powers of heaven and hell engage
For more than death or life.
- 4 Ye armies of the living God,
His sacramental host,
Where hallowed footsteps never trod,
Take your appointed post.
- 5 Though few and small and weak your bands,
Strong in your captain's strength,
Go to the conquest of all lands:
All must be his at length.
- 6.*Uplifted are the gates of brass,
The bars of iron yield;
Behold the King of Glory pass:
The cross hath won the field.

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P. Dearmer

- S**ERVANTS of the great adventure,
Patriots of God's fatherland,
Fired by one supreme ambition,
Ready for the call we stand.
Cleanse our minds, thou Love all-ruling,
Steel our wills, unbind our eyes
That we see aright thy Kingdom;
Make us daring, free, and wise.
- 2 Millions lie in crying darkness,
Unredeemed, untamed, untaught,
Women prone in sealed oppression,
Men like cattle sold and bought;

Millions grope through outworn systems;
Many a cruel ancient faith
Binds the earth; and many a rebel
Dooms the Christ again to death.

3 Yet men everywhere have found thee,
Christ, the crown of every creed;
All the faiths and all the systems
To thy revelation lead:
Thou dost guide our human groping,
Who hast won the hearts of men;
Thou wilt fill the world with splendour—
In our hands the how and when.

4 All the world shall live in kindness,
Hate and war shall pass away,
When men grow from out their blindness,
Wake, and see the blaze of day:
Each but needs the truth to win him,
Shape the beauty of his soul,
Fan the fire of love within him,
Save from self and make him whole.

PART II

5 Christ to us across the water
Came of old from Palestine,
West and ever farther westward
Came the eastern Light to shine;
Long and stubborn was the struggle
Ere our fathers' hearts were won;
Often have we warped the message,
Stood like clouds before the sun.

6 But, for all our faults and failures,
'Tis through Christ the West has grown:
And 'tis ours to give to others
What we dare not keep alone.

Death will come, and crumbling chaos,
 If we share not with the earth
 That which tempers might with mercy,
 Gives to science human worth.

- 7 We have probed, and piled up knowledge,
 Weighed the stars, and wrought our will,
 Marshalled fire and harnessed lightning,
 Made men gods for good or ill:
 Only that which bred our greatness—
 Freedom all the truth to find,
 Love revealed in one Perfection—
 Is not fathomed by mankind.
- 8 Thou art building up a city
 Pictured perfect in thy thought;
 And from glimpses of that pattern
 All man's fairest things are wrought:
 Thou dost call as fellow-workers
 Us, to serve thy great design:
 Thou, the artist, thou, the maker,
 Dost to each his part assign.

Conclusion to either Part

9. Praise God for the hidden leaven,
 For the depths yet unexplored;
 Praise him for the Realm of Heaven—
 All ye peoples, praise the Lord!
 Sing, the round world all together,
 With one mind and heart and mouth;
 Glorify the Lord All-Father,
 East and West and North and South!

303 *Home or Oversea. J. Marriott,† 1780–1825.*

THOU whose almighty Word
 Chaos and darkness heard,
 And took their flight;

Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light!

- 2 Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
Ah! now to all mankind
Let there be light!

- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

4. Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might;
Boundless as ocean tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light!

See also

435 A brighter dawn
440 All hail the power
443 *Old Hundredth*. All people
304 *Pioneers*. All the past
60 Christ is the world's
475 Come now, all people
485 Eternal Ruler
243 For the brave
497 Gather us in
87 Hail to the Lord's
98 Hark, how all the welkin

64 Hills of the North
91 In Asia born
537 In Christ there is
545 Jesus shall reign
552 Judge eternal
556 Let all the world
369 Remember all the people
658 The Lord will come
96 The race that long
415 Through north and south
680 Thy Kingdom come

PART IV

SOCIAL SERVICE

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GENERAL

304 *Pioneers.* *Walt Whitman (cento), 1819-92.*

ALL the past we leave behind:

We take up the task eternal, and the
burden, and the lesson,

Conquering, holding, daring, venturing, so we
go the unknown ways,

Pioneers! O pioneers!

2 Not for delectations sweet,

Not the riches safe and palling, not for us the
tame enjoyment;

Never must you be divided, in our ranks you
move united,

Pioneers! O pioneers!

3 All the pulses of the world,

All the joyous, all the sorrowing, these are of
us, they are with us;

We to-day's procession heading, we the route
for travel clearing,

Pioneers! O pioneers!

4. On and on the compact ranks,

With accessions ever waiting, we must never
yield or falter,

Through the battle, through defeat, moving
yet and never stopping,

Pioneers! O pioneers!

305 *Animals.* *James Stephens.*

LITTLE things that run and quail
And die in silence and despair;

- 2 Little things that fight and fail
And fall on sea and earth and air;
- 3 All trapped and frightened little things.
The mouse, the coney, hear our prayer:
- 4 As we forgive those done to us,
The lamb, the linnet, and the hare,
5. Forgive us all our trespasses,
Little creatures everywhere.

306 *J. Russell Lowell, 1819-91*

MEN, whose boast it is that ye
Come of fathers brave and free,
If there breathe on earth a slave,
Are ye truly free and brave?
If ye do not feel the chain
When it works a brother's pain,
Are ye not base slaves indeed,
Slaves unworthy to be freed?

- 2 Is true freedom but to break
Fetters for our own dear sake,
And, with leathern hearts, forget
That we owe mankind a debt?
No! true freedom is to share
All the chains our brothers wear,
And, with heart and hand, to be
Earnest to make others free.

3. They are slaves who fear to speak
 For the fallen and the weak;
 They are slaves who will not choose
 Hatred, scoffing, and abuse,
 Rather than in silence shrink
 From the truth they needs must think;
 They are slaves who dare not be
 In the right with two or three.

307

J. G. Whittier, 1807-92.

O BROTHER man, fold to thy heart thy
 brother:

Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
 To worship rightly is to love each other,
 Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a
 prayer.

- 2 Follow with reverent steps the great example
 Of him whose holy work was doing good:
 So shall the wide earth seem our Father's
 temple,
 Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
3. Then shall all shackles fall: the stormy clangour
 Of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
 Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
 And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

308

G. K. Chesterton

O GOD of earth and altar,
 Bow down and hear our cry,
 Our earthly rulers falter,
 Our people drift and die;

The walls of gold entomb us,
 The swords of scorn divide,
 Take not thy thunder from us,
 But take away our pride.

- 2 From all that terror teaches,
 From lies of tongue and pen,
 From all the easy speeches
 That comfort cruel men,
 From sale and profanation
 Of honour and the sword,
 From sleep and from damnation,
 Deliver us, good Lord!

3. Tie in a living tether
 The prince and priest and thrall,
 Bind all our lives together,
 Smite us and save us all;
 In ire and exultation
 Aflame with faith, and free,
 Lift up a living nation,
 A single sword to thee.

309

J. Russell Lowell, ‡ 1819-91.

ONCE to every man and nation
 Comes the moment to decide,
 In the strife of truth with falsehood,
 For the good or evil side:
 Some great cause, God's new Messiah,
 Offering each the bloom or blight;
 And the choice goes by for ever
 'Twixt that darkness and that light.

- 2 Then to side with truth is noble,
 When we share her wretched crust,
 Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
 And 'tis prosperous to be just;

Then it is the brave man chooses,
 While the coward stands aside,
 Till the multitude make virtue
 Of the faith they had denied.

- 3 By the light of burning martyrs,
 Christ, thy bleeding feet we track,
 Toiling up new Calvaries ever
 With the cross that turns not back.
 New occasions teach new duties;
 Time makes ancient good uncouth;
 They must upward still and onward
 Who would keep abreast of truth.

4. Though the cause of evil prosper,
 Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
 Though her portion be the scaffold,
 And upon the throne be wrong,
 Yet that scaffold sways the future,
 And, behind the dim unknown,
 Standeth God within the shadow,
 Keeping watch above his own.

310

C. Kingsley, 1819-75.

THE day of the Lord is at hand, at hand;
 Its storms roll up the sky;
 The nations sleep starving on heaps of gold;
 All dreamers toss and sigh;
 The night is darkest before the morn;
 When the pain is sorest the child is born,
 And the day of the Lord at hand.

- 2 Gather you, gather you, angels of God—
 Freedom and mercy and truth;
 Come! for the earth is grown coward and old,
 Come down, and renew us her youth.

Wisdom, self-sacrifice, daring, and love,
Haste to the battle-field, stoop from above
To the day of the Lord at hand.

- 3* Gather you, gather you, hounds of hell—
Famine, and plague, and war;
Idleness, bigotry, cant, and misrule,
Gather, and fall in the snare!
Hireling and Mammonite, bigot and knave,
Crawl to the battle-field, sneak to your grave,
In the day of the Lord at hand.
4. Who would sit down and sigh for a lost age of
gold,
While the Lord of all ages is here?
True hearts will leap at the trumpet of God,
And those who can suffer can dare.
Each old age of gold was an iron age too,
And the meekest of saints may find stern work
to do
In the day of the Lord at hand.

311

P. B. Shelley, 1792-1822.

THE world's great age begins anew,
The golden years return,
The earth doth like a snake renew
Her winter weeds outworn:
Heaven smiles, and faiths and empires gleam,
Like wrecks of a dissolving dream.

- 2*A brighter Hellas rears its mountains
From waves serener far;
A new Penëus rolls his fountains
Against the morning star.
Where fairer Tempès bloom, there sleep
Young Cyclads on a sunnier deep.

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3. Another Athens shall arise,
And to remoter time
Bequeath, like sunset to the skies,
The splendour of its prime;
And leave, if nought so bright may live,
All earth can take or heaven can give.

(Hellas, Greece : Peneus, the river running through the beautiful vale of Tempe, near Olympus : Cyclads, a group of islands in the Aegean Sea.)

312 J. Addington Symonds, 1840-93.

- THESE things shall be! A loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known, shall rise
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of science in their eyes.
- 2 They shall be gentle, brave, and strong,
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man's lordship firm
On earth and fire and sea and air.
- 3 They shall be simple in their homes
And splendid in their public ways,
Filling the mansions of the state
With music and with hymns of praise.
- 4 Nation with nation, land with land,
Inarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity.
5. New arts shall bloom of loftier mould,
And mightier music thrill the skies,
And every life shall be a song,
When all the earth is paradise.

313 *Freedom. Gerald Massey, 1828-1907.*

THROUGH all the long dark night of years
 The people's cry ascendeth,
 And earth is wet with blood and tears,
 But our meek sufferance endeth.
 We are driven back, for our next fray
 A newer strength to borrow,
 And where the vanguard camps to-day
 The rear shall rest to-morrow.

2 Though hearts brood o'er the past, our eyes
 With smiling futures glisten;
 For lo, our day bursts up the skies—
 Lean out your souls and listen!
 The world is rolling freedom's way
 And ripening with her sorrow.
 Take heart! who bear the cross to-day
 Shall wear the crown to-morrow.

3. Build up heroic lives, and all
 Be like a sheathen sabre,
 Ready to flash out at God's call,
 O chivalry of labour!
 Triumph and toil are twins, though they
 Be singly born in sorrow;
 And 'tis the martyrdom to-day
 Brings victory to-morrow.

314 *Ebenezer Elliott,† 1781-1849.*

WHEN wilt thou save the people?
 O God of mercy, when?
 The people, Lord, the people,
 Not thrones and crowns, but men!

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Flowers of thy heart, O God, are they;
Let them not pass like weeds away,
Their heritage a sunless day:

God save the people!

- 2 Shall crime bring crime for ever,
Strength aiding still the strong?
Is it thy will, O Father,
That man shall toil for wrong?
'No,' say thy mountains; 'No,' thy skies;
Man's clouded sun shall brightly rise,
And songs be heard instead of sighs:

God save the people!

3. When wilt thou save the people?
O God of mercy, when?
The people, Lord, the people,
Not thrones and crowns, but men!
God save the people; thine they are,
Thy children, as thy angels fair;
From vice, oppression, and despair
God save the people!

315 *The Music-makers.*

Arthur O'Shaughnessy, 1844-81.

WITH wonderful deathless ditties
We build up the world's great cities,
And out of a fabulous story
We fashion an empire's glory:
One man with a dream, at pleasure,
Shall go forth and conquer a crown;
And three with a new song's measure
Can trample a kingdom down.

- 2 A breath of our inspiration
Is the life of each generation;
A wondrous thing of our dreaming
Unearthly, impossible seeming—

The soldier, the king, and the peasant,
Are working together in one,
Till our dream shall become their present,
And their work in the world be done.

3. And therefore to-day is thrilling
With a past day's late fulfilling;
And the multitudes are enlisted
In the faith that their fathers resisted,
And, scorning the dream of to-morrow,
Are bringing to pass, as they may,
In the world, for its joy or its sorrow,
The dream that was scorned yesterday.

See also

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| 446 Blake's, <i>Jerusalem.</i> | And | 568 Lord of the strong |
| did those feet | | 578 <i>Battle Song.</i> Mine eyes |
| 461 Can I see another's woe | | 597 O God of truth |
| 468 City of God | | 79 O little town |
| 471 Come, labour on | | 603 O Lord and Master |
| 297 Dismiss me not | | 610 O sometimes gleams |
| 485 Eternal Ruler | | 613 O sweeter than |
| 87 Hail to the Lord's | | 633 <i>Ring out, wild bells</i> |
| 62 Hark the glad sound | | 634 Ring out, ye crystal |
| 517 Help us to help | | 635 Rise up, O men |
| 76 It came upon | | 637 Say not, 'The struggle |
| 541 Jesus, Lord, we look | | 669 Those who love |
| 545 Jesus shall reign | | 81 Thou whose birth |
| 552 Judge eternal | | 680 Thy Kingdom come |
| 559 Life of ages | | 698 When through the whirl |

NATIONAL

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Edward Carpenter, 1844-1929.

ENGLAND, arise! the long, long night is over,
Faint in the east behold the dawn appear;
Out of your evil dream of toil and sorrow
Arise, O England, for the day is here!
From your fields and hills,
Hark! the answer swells:
Arise, O England, for the day is here!

- 2 People of England! all your valleys call you,
 High in the rising sun the lark sings clear;
 Will you dream on, let shameful slumber thrall
 you?
 Will you disown your native land so dear?
 Shall it die unheard,
 That sweet pleading word?
 Arise, O England, for the day is here!
3. Forth then, ye heroes, patriots, and lovers,
 Comrades of danger, poverty, and scorn,
 Mighty in faith of freedom, your great mother,
 Giants refreshed in joy's new rising morn!
 Come and swell the song,
 Silent now so long:
 England is risen! And the day is here!

317 *Recessional.* *Rudyard Kipling.*

- G**OD of our fathers, known of old,
 Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
 Beneath whose awful hand we hold
 Dominion over palm and pine—
 Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
 Lest we forget—lest we forget!
- 2 The tumult and the shouting dies;
 The captains and the kings depart:
 Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
 An humble and a contrite heart.
 Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
 Lest we forget—lest we forget!
- 3 Far-called, our navies melt away;
 On dune and headland sinks the fire:
 Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
 Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
 Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
 Lest we forget—lest we forget!

4* If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
 Wild tongues that have not thee in awe,
 Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
 Or lesser breeds without the Law—
 Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
 Lest we forget—lest we forget!

5. For heathen heart that puts her trust
 In reeking tube and iron shard,
 All valiant dust that builds on dust,
 And guarding, calls not thee to guard,
 For frantic boast and foolish word—
 Thy mercy on thy people, Lord!

318 *National Anthem.*

Official Peace Version,† 1919.

GOD save our gracious King,
 Long live our noble King,
 God save the King!

Send him victorious,
 Happy and glorious,
 Long to reign over us;
 God save the King!

2 One realm of races four,
 Blest more and ever more,
 God save our land!
 Home of the brave and free,
 Set in the silver sea,
 True nurse of chivalry,
 God save our land!

3. Of many a race and birth
 From utmost ends of earth,
 God save us all!

Bid strife and hatred cease,
 Bid hope and joy increase,
 Spread universal peace,
 God save us all!

319 *The Two Fatherlands.*

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, 1859-1918.

I VOW to thee, my country, all earthly
 things above,

Entire and whole and perfect, the service of
 my love;

The love that asks no question, the love that
 stands the test,

That lays upon the altar the dearest and the
 best;

The love that never falters, the love that pays
 the price,

The love that makes undaunted the final sacri-
 fice.

2. And there's another country, I've heard of long
 ago,

Most dear to them that love her, most great to
 them that know;

We may not count her armies, we may not see
 her King;

Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is
 suffering;

And soul by soul and silently her shining
 bounds increase,

And her ways are ways of gentleness and all
 her paths are peace.

320

J. R. Wreford, 1800-81.

LORD, while for all mankind we pray
Of every clime and coast,
O hear us for our native land,
The land we love the most.

2 O guard our shores from every foe;
With peace our borders bless;
With prosperous times our cities crown,
Our fields with plenteousness.

3 Unite us in the sacred love
Of knowledge, truth, and thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout
The songs of liberty.

4. Lord of the nations, thus to thee
Our country we commend;
Be thou her refuge and her trust,
Her everlasting friend.

321

Freedom.

Thomas Campbell, 1777-1844.

MEN of England, who inherit
Rights that cost your sires their blood!
Men whose undegenerate spirit
Has been proved on field and flood,

2 Yet, remember, England gathers
Hence but fruitless wreaths of fame,
If the freedom of your fathers
Glow not in your hearts the same.

3 What are monuments of bravery,
Where no public virtues bloom?
What avail in lands of slavery
Trophied temples, arch and tomb?

4. We're the sons of sires that baffled
 Crowned and mitred tyranny;
 They defied the field and scaffold
 For their birthrights—so will we!

322

F. L. Hosmer, 1840-1929.

O BEAUTIFUL, my country!
 Be thine a nobler care
 Than all thy wealth of commerce,
 Thy harvests waving fair:
 Be it thy pride to cherish
 The manhood of the poor;
 Be thou to the oppressèd
 Fair freedom's open door.

- 2 For thee our fathers suffered,
 For thee they toiled and prayed;
 Upon thy holy altar
 Their willing lives they laid.
 Thou hast no common birthright,
 Grand memories on thee shine;
 The blood of pilgrim nations
 Commingled flows in thine.
3. O beautiful, our country!
 Round thee in love we draw;
 Thine is the grace of freedom,
 The majesty of law.
 Be righteousness thy sceptre,
 Justice thy diadem;
 And on thy shining forehead
 Be peace the crowning gem.

323

Sir Henry Newbolt.

O LORD almighty, thou whose hands
 Despair and victory give,
 In whom, though tyrants tread their lands,
 The souls of nations live;

2 Thou wilt not turn thy face away
 From those who work thy will,
 But send thy peace on hearts that pray,
 And guard thy people still.

3 Remember not the days of shame,
 The hands with rapine dyed,
 The wavering will, the baser aim,
 The brute material pride.

4 Remember, Lord, the years of faith,
 The spirits humbly brave,
 The strength that died defying death,
 The love that loved the slave;

5*The race that strove to rule thine earth
 With equal laws unbought,
 Who bore for truth the pangs of birth,
 And brake the bonds of thought.

6*Remember how, since time began,
 Thy dark eternal mind
 Through lives of men that fear not man
 Is light for all mankind.

7. Thou wilt not turn thy face away
 From those who work thy will,
 But send thy strength on hearts that pray
 For strength to serve thee still.

324

Y. H., based on F. R. Tailour (1615).

THE King, O God, his heart to thee up-
raiseth;

With him the nation bows before thy face;
With high thanksgiving thee thy glad Church
praiseth,

Our strength thy spirit, our trust and hope
thy grace.

- 2 Unto great honour, glory undeservèd,
Hast thou exalted us, and drawn thee nigh;
Nor, from thy judgments when our feet had
swervèd,
Didst thou forsake, nor leave us, Lord most
high.

PART II

- 3 In thee our fathers trusted and were savèd,
In thee destroyèd thrones of tyrants proud;
From ancient bondage freed the poor en-
slavèd;
To sow thy truth poured out their saintly
blood.
- 4 Unto our minds give freedom and uprightness;
Let strength and courage lead o'er land and
wave;
To our souls' armour grant celestial brightness,
Joy to our hearts, and faith beyond the grave.
5. Our plenteous nation still in power extending,
Increase our joy, uphold us by thy word;
Beauty and wisdom all our ways attending,
Good will to man and peace through Christ
our Lord.

*The hymn in full is suitable for national thanksgivings: verses 2-5,
or Part II, are suitable for other occasions also.*

325 *Heroes.* *G. K. Menzies.*

WHAT heroes thou hast bred,
 O England, my country!
 I see the mighty dead
 Pass in line,
 Each with undaunted heart
 Playing his gallant part,
 Making thee what thou art,
 Mother of mine!

2. Then let me take my place,
 O England, my country,
 Amid the gallant race
 That is thine;
 Ready to hear thy call,
 Ready to give thee all,
 Ready, whate'er befall,
 Mother of mine!

See also

446 *Blake's Jerusalem.* And
 did those feet
 495 For the might
 552 Judge eternal

488 *Land of our birth*
 631 Rejoice, O land
 672 Thou Judge

And the National Saints, 217, 225, 227, 528.

INTERNATIONAL

326 *Laurence Housman.*

FATHER eternal, ruler of creation,
 Spirit of life, which moved ere form was
 made,
 Through the thick darkness covering every
 nation,
 Light to man's blindness, O be thou our aid:
Thy Kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

- 2 Races and peoples, lo, we stand divided,
 And, sharing not our griefs, no joy can share;
 By wars and tumults love is mocked, derided;
 His conquering cross no kingdom wills to
 bear:
- 3 Envious of heart, blind-eyed, with tongues
 confounded,
 Nation by nation still goes unforgiven,
 In wrath and fear, by jealousies surrounded,
 Building proud towers which shall not reach
 to heaven:
- 4* Lust of possession worketh desolations;
 There is no meekness in the sons of earth;
 Led by no star, the rulers of the nations
 Still fail to bring us to the blissful birth:
5. How shall we love thee, holy hidden Being,
 If we love not the world which thou hast
 made?
 O give us brother-love for better seeing
 Thy Word made flesh, and in a manger laid:

327

J. G. Whittier, 1807-92.

SOUND over all waters, reach out from all
 lands,
 The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;
 Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the
 morn,
 Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born;
 With glad jubilations bring hope to the
 nations:

*The dark night is ending and dawn has begun!
 Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun!
 All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as
 one!*

- 2 Sing the bridal of nations, with chorals of love,
Sing out the war vulture and sing in the dove,
Till the hearts of the peoples keep time in accord
And the voice of the world is the voice of the
Lord!

Clasp hands of the nations in strong gratu-
lations:

3. Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace!
East, west, north, and south, let the long
quarrel cease!
Sing the song of great joy that the angels
began,
Sing of glory to God and of good will to man!
Hark! joining in chorus, the heavens bend
o'er us:

328

Frederick Tennyson, 1807-98.

- THE night is ended and the morning nears;
Awake, look up, I hear the gathering sound
Of coming cycles, like an ocean round;
I see the glory of a thousand years
Lightening from bound to bound.
- 2 The hour is come again; the world-wide voice
Of God shall cry into the ears of time;
Scorners shall seek, and saints shall welcome
him,
And know the ancient presence, and rejoice
As in the days of prime.
- 3 And they that dwell apart shall know each other,
And they that hymn their solemn songs
alone
Shall hear far voices mingling with their own,
And understand the utterance of a brother
In every tongue and tone.

4. That note shall soar from every living heart
 That endless note shall never die away.
 God, only God, to-day as yesterday,
 Thou wert from everlasting, and thou art
 For ever and for ay.

329

Clifford Bax.

TURN back, O Man, forswear thy foolish
 ways.

Gid now is Earth, and none may count her
 days,

Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned
 with flame,

Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim—
 'Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways.'

- 2 Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.
 Age after age their tragic empires rise,
 Built while they dream, and in that dreaming
 weep:

Would Man but wake from out his haunted
 sleep,

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

3. Earth shall be fair, and all her people one:
 Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be
 done.

Now, even now, once more from earth to sky,
 Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry—
 'Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!'

See also

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| 443 <i>Old Hundredth.</i> All people | 561 Lo, in the wilderness |
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ABSENT FRIENDS

330

Maud Bell.

FATHER all-seeing, friend of all creation,
 Life of thy children, still thy love revealing,
 For all our loved ones, now far absent from us,
 We are appealing.

2 Working or playing, Lord, be thou their leader;
 And, if alarm or sickness should oppress them,
 Teach them to trust thee, knowing that in all
 things
 Thy love will bless them.

3 In all temptation be their strength and comfort;
 Guide them in weakness, sanctifying, shield-
 ing;
 Through him who, tempted every day as we are,
 Lived without yielding.

4. When they are lonely, be thou their companion
 Hold them in safety, strengthen their endeavour;
 Grant them to follow where thy voice shall call
 them,
 Now and for ever.

ALMSGIVING

331

J. G. Whittier, 1807-92

THINE are all the gifts, O God,
 Thine the broken bread;
 Let the naked feet be shod,
 And the starving fed.

- 2 Let thy children, by thy grace,
 Give as they abound,
 Till the poor have breathing-space
 And the lost are found.
- 3 Wiser than the miser's hoards
 Is the giver's choice;
 Sweeter than the song of birds
 Is the thankful voice.
4. Welcome smiles on faces sad
 As the flowers of spring;
 Let the tender hearts be glad
 With the joy they bring.

332

Bishop W. W. How, 1823-97

WE give thee but thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be:
 All that we have is thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from thee.

- 2 May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us,
To thee our first-fruits give.
- 3 O hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold;
And lambs, for whom the Shepherd bled,
Are straying from the fold.
- 4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless,
Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace—
It is a Christ-like thing:
- 6 And we believe thy word,
Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto thee.

See also

40 Father, who on man
17 Help us to help

93 O worship the Lord
339 Son of God, eternal

ASSEMBLY AND DISMISSAL

333 *Assembly.* *H. J. Buckoll, 1803-71.*

LORD, behold us with thy blessing,
Once again assembled here;
Onward be our footsteps pressing,
In thy love and faith and fear:
Still protect us
By thy presence ever near.

2. For thy mercy we adore thee,
 For this rest upon our way;
 Lord, again we bow before thee;
 Speed our labours day by day:
 Mind and spirit
 With thy choicest gifts array.

Dismissal. PART II

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,
 Thanks for mercies past receive;
 Pardon all, their faults confessing;
 Time that 's lost may all retrieve:
 May thy children
 Ne'er again thy Spirit grieve.
2. Let thy father-hand be shielding
 All who here shall meet no more;
 May their seed-time past be yielding
 Year by year a richer store:
 Those returning
 Make more faithful than before.

See also

602 O life that makest all things new

FAREWELL

334

J. E. Rankin, 1828-1904.

- G**OD be with you till we meet again;
 By his counsels guide, uphold you,
 With his sheep securely fold you:
 God be with you till we meet again.
- 2 God be with you till we meet again;
 'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
 Daily manna still provide you:
 God be with you till we meet again.

- 3 God be with you till we meet again;
 When life's perils thick confound you,
 Put his arm unfailing round you:
 God be with you till we meet again.
4. God be with you till we meet again;
 Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
 Smite death's threatening wave before you:
 God be with you till we meet again.

See also

501 God be in *thy* head (*with change of pronoun*).

GREETING

335

S. P. B. G.

O WELCOME in our midst;
 Your life with us renew!
 With all our heart,
 From every part
 Our love we give to you:
Length to your days,
Strength to your ways!
Blessings be upon your head!

- 2 May faith and love be yours,
 And laughter gem your way;
 And may you find
 Clouds silver-lined,
 And all your work be play:
- 3 From hurt of foe, or friend,
 From envy, faction, spite,
 May you be kept,
 And live adept
 At turning dark to light:

- 4.* May triumph crown your plans,
 And hope maintain your youth;
 In God's dear peace
 May you increase
 And find your goal in truth:

(Verse 1 for any new-comer. The whole (or three verses) for a new parson or teacher, or at the beginning of term. Verses 2 and 3 (and 4) may be sung at the end of term, or as a farewell.)

See also

602 O life that makest

FOR THOSE AT SEA

336

W. Whiting, 1825-78.

- ETERNAL Father, strong to save,
 Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
 Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
 Its own appointed limits keep:
 O hear us when we cry to thee
 For those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Saviour, whose almighty word
 The winds and waves submissive heard,
 Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
 And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
 O hear us when we cry to thee
 For those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
 Upon the chaos dark and rude,
 Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
 And gavest light and life and peace:
 O hear us when we cry to thee
 For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,
 Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
 From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
 Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
 And ever let there rise to thee
 Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

337

G. W. Briggs.

- L**ORD, in the hollow of thy hand
 Unfathomed lies the boundless deep,
 Whose billows rage at thy command,
 And at thy bidding sink to sleep.
- 2 Thy way is on the pathless sea;
 On farthest coasts still thou art near;
 And fearing, loving, trusting thee,
 No peril shall thy servants fear.
- 3 When, swept by wind and wave, they breast
 The fury of the winter gale,
 On thee their valiant hearts shall rest,
 Assured that thou canst never fail.
- 4 When the black mantle of the night,
 Or shrouding mists, white-robed, by day,
 Have veiled the perils from their sight,
 Be thou their guide upon their way.
5. Their way is sure, whate'er betide,
 Whose mind on thee, O Lord, is stayed;
 In life and death still by thy side,
 They journey onward unafraid.

See also

330 Father all-seeing
 490 Fierce was the wild

49 Now the day is over
 378 When lamps are lighted

SOCIETIES, ETC.

GENERAL

338

H. C. Shuttleworth, 1850-1900.

- F**ATHER of men, in whom are one
 All humankind beneath thy sun,
 Stablish our work in thee begun.
 Except the house be built of thee,
 In vain the builder's toil must be:
 O strengthen our infirmity!
- 2 Man lives not for himself alone;
 In others' good he finds his own;
 Life's worth in fellowship is known.
 We, friends and comrades on life's way,
 Gather within these walls to pray:
 Bless thou our fellowship to-day.
- 3 O Christ, our elder brother, who
 By serving man God's will didst do,
 Help us to serve our brethren too.
 Guide us to seek the things above,
 The base to shun, the pure approve,
 To live by thy free law of love.
4. In all our work, in all our play,
 Be with us, Lord, our friend, our stay;
 Lead onward to the perfect day:
 Then may we know, earth's lesson o'er,
 With comrades missed or gone before,
 Heaven's fellowship for evermore.

339

S. C. Lowry.

SON of God, eternal Saviour,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
 Son of Man, whose birth amongst us
 Hallows all our human race,

Thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
For thine own dost ever plead,
Fill us with thy love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2 As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
So may we for others live;
Freely have thy gifts been granted,
Freely may thy servants give.
Thine the gold and thine the silver,
Thine the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of thy bounty,
Held in solemn trust for thee.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign above us,
King of Love, and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease;
By thy patient years of toiling,
By thy silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Shame our selfish greed of gain.

4 Dark the path that lies behind us,
Strewn with wrecks and stained with blood;
But before us gleams the vision
Of the coming brotherhood.
See the Christ-like host advancing,
High and lowly, great and small,
Linked in bonds of common service
For the common Lord of all.

5.*Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth amongst us
Hallows all our human race,

Thou who prayedst, thou who willest
 That thy people should be one,
 Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
 Here on earth thy will be done.

See also Part IV, Social Service, and

470 Come, kindred, upstand
 487 Father, hear the prayer
 488 Father in Heaven
 491 Fight the good fight
 515 *Pilgrim Song.* He who
 517 Help us to help

520 Holy Spirit, Truth
 541 Jesus, Lord, we look
 611 O Son of man
 635 Rise up, O men
 641 Soldiers of Christ
 702 Ye servants

FRIENDLY AND TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES

340 (*Other occasions also.*)

E. H.

FATHER, who on man dost shower
 Gifts of plenty from thy dower,
 To thy people give the power
 All thy gifts to use aright.

2 Give pure happiness in leisure,
 Temperance in every pleasure,
 Wholesome use of earthly treasure,
 Bodies clean and spirits bright.

3 Lift from this and every nation
 All that brings us degradation;
 Quell the forces of temptation;
 Put thine enemies to flight.

4 Be with us, thy strength supplying,
 That with energy undying,
 Every foe of man defying,
 We may rally to the fight.

5 Thou who art our captain ever
 Lead us on to great endeavour;
 May thy Church the world deliver,
 Give us wisdom, courage, might.

- 6.* Father, who hast sought and found us,
 Son of God, whose love has bound us,
 Holy Spirit, in us, round us,
 Hear us, Godhead infinite!

MEDICAL GATHERINGS AND HEALTH SOCIETIES

341

A. G.

QUICK sympathy, hands that brought
 health

To the sick who looked up and entreated,
 A power that went forth as by stealth—

Thus Jesus came God to reveal:

He said, 'Lo, the works that I do,

And greater, shall yet be completed.'

Lord, we with that promise in view

Would help to spread health and to heal.

- 2 For man has a virtue within,

A force that is always restoring;

A life that to God is akin:

We help, but 'tis God who makes whole.

We search, and we struggle again,

Thy deep-hidden secrets exploring;

We fight in the Christ-like campaign

Of succour for body and soul.

3. Then prosper our work to the end,

Since thine is the will we are serving,

Thou Wisdom, Creator, and Friend,

'Tis health to conform to thy laws.

Sustain all who work for the race,

Give knowledge and vision unswerving,

Sincerity, kindness, and grace:

For thine, Lord of health, is our cause.

See also

285 From thee all skill

286 Life and health

638 Shall God not share

287 Thine arm, O Lord

MOTHERS

342

W. Charter Piggott.

LORD of life, who once wast cradled
 On a human mother's knee,
 Fed and clothed, and taught and guided
 Through the years of infancy:
 Help and bless us, as we gather
 With our cares and needs to thee.

2*Waking in the early morning
 To the round which each day brings;
 Sitting late into the evening,
 Making garments, mending things:
 Give us strength and cheerful patience
 For these common happenings.

3 Lord, we thank thee for our children
 With their faces bright and fair,
 With their laughter and their temper,
 Waking gladness, bringing care:
 Teach us how to keep them upright,
 True and gallant, everywhere.

4 Show us when to hold and curb them,
 When to set them finely free,
 How to keep their love and reverence
 Stainless through the years to be,
 How to win their adoration
 And their loyalty to thee.

5. And since we have often faltered,
 Missed the road and lost our way,
 Known temptation, met with trouble,
 Hear us mothers, as we pray:
 Be thyself their guide and master,
 Shape and fit them for their day.

See also 346 Lord, from whose hand

SONGS FOR CAMPS AND MEETINGS
OF BOYS AND GIRLS

343

Bishop E. A. Burroughs, 1882-1935.

LORD God, from whom all life
And all true gladness springs,
Whose love and care shine everywhere
Among earth's common things;
Be present while we lift
Our song to thee, and pay
Heart-gratitude for all things good
About our path to-day.

2 We praise thee for the light
That floats on sea and hill,
The unstinted wealth of joy and health
With which our pulses thrill:
O may the light of heaven
In us enkindled be,
Heaven's glory roll from soul to soul
And make us strong for thee.

3 We thank thee for the grace
In friend and brother found;
For human love that points above
To where all love is crowned:
O may such friendship here
Be to thy children given,
As shall endure, deep, fair and pure,
Till all be one in heaven.

4* But most we bless thee, Lord,
That here thy Spirit's breath
Blows clear and strong to baffle wrong
And win our lives from death:

O may each heart accept
 The entrance of thy power,
 And take thee hence for sure defence
 And help in evil hour.

- 5.* So, when the lives, to-day
 Within one circle brought,
 Are sundered wide along the tide
 Of human work and thought,
 One song shall yet be ours,
 One life, one family,
 One pathway still, by vale or hill,
 Shall lead us home to thee.

344

Steuart Wilson.

LORD, who didst send, by two and two before
 thee,

Thine own disciples, those three score and
 ten,

That they should show the lost ones where the
 path was

And bring the light to eyes of blinded men:

- 2* We are thy lost ones, humble guides of others,
 We are thy blind, poor leaders to the light;
 Show us the Way, when ways seem past all
 finding,
 Teach us to guide, when all seems dark as
 night.

- 3 Make us to see the light that shines in all men,
 Help us to learn how thorns can make a
 crown,
 Show us how love will keep ourselves from
 falling
 And pity lift up others who are down.

4* We must be gay when weaker hearts are weary,
 Looking ahead when tired eyes look back;
 We must see hope when others are despairing;
 We must be guides to those who lose the
 track.

5 Thou art our Captain: teach us to be like thee,
 And where thou leadest we will follow on;
 We do not know what orders may await us,
 Save the great order, 'Let thy will be done'.

6. It shall be done, if we be strong to follow
 The path which led thee to that awful day;
 It shall be done, if true to thy example
 We guide ourselves and others in thy Way.

(This hymn may be begun at verse 3.)

345

S. P.

WORKING together,
 Wary and strong,

Fair or foul weather,

Way short or long:

Be prepared!

For with valour and virtue,

And kindness and skill,

There is nothing can hurt you

Or bring you to ill.

Be prepared,

One and all, be prepared!

2 Helpers and heeders,

Friends of fair play,

Trusting your leaders,

Swift to obey:

Be prepared!

Always useful and cheery,
 And handy to learn,
 Never feeling too weary
 For any good turn,
 But prepared;
 One and all, be prepared!

3. What was it caught you?
 What voice that called?
 Wood-craft that taught you,
 Lore that enthralled:
 Be prepared!
 So in honour observant
 And true to the end,
 To God be a servant,
 To man be a friend.
 Be prepared,
 One and all, be prepared!

TEACHERS

346

W. Charter Piggott

LORD, from whose hand we take our charge,
 The care of childhood and of youth,
 To set their feet upon life's road
 In loyalty to right and truth:
 O hear us as of thee we ask
 The strength and wisdom for our task.

2 That we may open doors on life,
 And share the visions that we see
 Of the deep wonder of the world
 And man's heroic history,
 And wake in them the answering chord:
 Give us the skill and patience. Lord.

- 3 That we may use all law and rule,
 Not rudely to oppress and bind,
 But as the needed discipline
 For freedom of the soul and mind,
 Equipped to face, with fearless eyes
 And steady faith, life's enterprise;
- 4 That we may understand their need,
 When comes their hour of strain and stress,
 With sympathy to help and save
 From sordid thoughts and bitterness:
 Lord, use our struggles, conflicts, fears,
 To light for them the troubled years.
5. 'Tis ours to give and spend ourselves,
 Nor grudge the labour and the pain
 To sow the seed of noble worth;
 Yet without thee our toil is vain:
 Great Lord of life, 'tis thine to give
 The quickening breath by which they live.

TIMES OF STRESS OR TROUBLE

347

F. L. Hosmer, 1840-1929.

- FATHER, to thee we look in all our sorrow;
 Thou art the fountain whence our healing
 flows;
 Dark though the night, joy cometh with the
 morrow;
 Safely they rest who on thy love repose.
- 2 When fond hopes fail and skies are dark before
 us,
 When the vain cares that vex our life
 increase,
 Comes with its calm the thought that thou
 art o'er us,
 And we grow quiet, folded in thy peace.

302 TIMES OF STRESS OR TROUBLE

3 Nought shall affright us, on thy goodness
leaning;

Low in the heart faith singeth still her song;
Chastened by pain we learn life's deeper
meaning,

And in our weakness thou dost make us
strong.

4. Patient, O heart, though heavy be thy
sorrows;

Be not cast down, disquieted in vain;
Yet shalt thou praise him, when these
darkened furrows,

Where now he plougheth, wave with golden
grain.

348

Robert Herrick, 1591-1674.

IN this world, the Isle of Dreams,
While we sit by sorrow's streams,
Tears and terrors are our themes

Reciting:

2 But when once from hence we fly,
More and more approaching nigh,
Unto young Eternity

Uniting:

3 In that whiter Island, where
Things are evermore sincere;
Candour here, and lustre there

Delighting:

4 There no monstrous fancies shall
Out of hell an horror call,
To create, or cause at all

Affrighting.

5 There in calm and cooling sleep
 We our eyes shall never steep;
 But eternal watch shall keep,
Attending

6. Pleasures, such as shall pursue
 Me immortalized, and you;
 And fresh joys, as never to
Have ending.

349 *P. Pusey, ‡ 1799–1855. Based on Christe
 du Beistand, M. von Löwenstern, 1594–1648.*

LORD of our life, and God of our salvation,
 Star of our night, and hope of every
 nation,
 Hear and receive thy Church's supplication,
Lord God almighty.

2 Lord, thou canst help when earthly armour
 faileth,
 Lord, thou canst save when deadly sin assail-
 eth;
 Christ, o'er thy rock nor death nor hell pre-
 vaileth;
Grant us thy peace, Lord.

3* Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuag-
 ing;
 Peace in thy Church, where brothers are
 engaging;
 Peace, when the world its busy war is
 waging:
Calm thy foes' raging.

4. Grant us thy help till backward they are driven,
 Grant them thy truth, that they may be for-
 given;
 Grant peace on earth, and, after we have
 striven,
 Peace in thy heaven.

See also

465 Christ, of all my hopes
 478 Cometh sunshine

479 Commit thou all
 118 Shepherd divine

THANKSGIVING

350

*M. Rinkart, 1586-1649.
 Tr. C. Winkworth.*

Nun danket alle Gott.

- N**OW thank we all our God
 With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done,
 In whom his world rejoices;
 Who from our mother's arms
 Hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours to-day.
- 2 O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever-joyful hearts
 And blessèd peace to cheer us,
 And keep us in his grace,
 And guide us when perplexed,
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven,

The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

351 *Ps. 150. Sir H. W. Baker, 1821-77.*

O PRAISE ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.

3 O praise ye the Lord,
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.

THANKSGIVING

4. O praise ye the Lord!
 Thanksgiving and song
 To him be outpoured
 All ages along:
 For love in creation,
 For heaven restored,
 For grace of salvation,
 O praise ye the Lord!

Specially suitable for occasions of thanksgiving are

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| 439 All creatures of our God | 618 O worship the King |
| 441 All hail to the Power | 387 Of the Father's heart |
| 443 <i>Old Hundredth.</i> All people | 623 Praise, my soul, the King |
| 149 All the toil | 624 Praise the Lord! Ye |
| 448 Angels holy | heavens adore him |
| 492 Fill thou my life | 626 Praise to the Lord, the |
| 408 From all that dwell | Almighty |
| 496 From glory to glory | 631 Rejoice, O land |
| 19 Hark, my soul, how | 632 Rejoice! The Lord is King |
| 553 King of glory | 644 Songs of praise |
| 556 Let all the world | 398 The God of Abraham |
| 558 Let the whole creation cry | 657 The Lord of Heaven |
| 590 Not with a choir of angels | confess |
| 592 Now join, ye comrades | 684 To thee whose eye |
| 609 O sing to the Lord | 701 Ye holy angels bright |

And also Part VIII, Doxologies.

PART VI

FOR CHILDREN

Hymns suitable for Young People are marked ° in the Index of First Lines; and the Hymns themselves are so marked in the Small Edition.

Adult hymns should be freely used. See the Preface also, and the note after No. 386.

This section is not intended for older children, but for the youngest. A few hymns are marked for older folk also.

Services for the Young in which three hymns are sung may conveniently conclude with one of the Doxologies in Part VIII.

352 (*Christmas and New Year.*) *Old Flemish Carol.*
Tr. R. C. Trevelyan.

A LITTLE child on the earth has been born;
He came to the earth for the sake of us all.

- 2 He came to earth, but no home did he find;
He came to earth, and its cross did he bear.
3. He came to earth for the sake of us all,
And wishes us all a Happy New Year.

353 *Anon.*

AWAY in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where
he lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the
sky,
And stay by my bedside till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

354 *Treasure.*

Jan Struther.

- DAISIES are our silver,
Buttercups our gold:
This is all the treasure
We can have or hold.
- 2 Raindrops are our diamonds
And the morning dew;
While for shining sapphires
We've the speedwell blue.
- 3 These shall be our emeralds—
Leaves so new and green;
Roses make the reddest
Rubies ever seen.
- 4 God, who gave these treasures
To your children small,
Teach us how to love them
And grow like them all.
- 5 Make us bright as silver:
Make us good as gold;
Warm as summer roses
Let our hearts unfold.

6. Gay as leaves in April,
Clear as drops of dew—
God, who made the speedwell,
Keep us true to you.

355 (*Morning.*)

Rebecca J. Weston.

FATHER, we thank thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light;
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair.

2. Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good;
In all we do at work or play
To grow more loving every day.

356

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

GENTLE Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child;
Pity my simplicity,
Suffer me to come to thee.

- 2 Fain I would to thee be brought,
Dearest God, forbid it not;
Give me, dearest God, a place
In the kingdom of thy grace.

PART II

- 3 Lamb of God, I look to thee;
Thou shalt my example be:
Thou art gentle, meek and mild,
Thou wast once a little child.

4. Fain I would be as thou art;
Give me thy obedient heart:
Thou art pitiful and kind,
Let me have thy loving mind.

357

G. W. Briggs.

- G**OD my Father, loving me,
Gave his Son, my friend to be:
Gave his Son, my form to take,
Bearing all things for my sake.
- 2 Jesus still remains the same
As in days of old he came;
As my brother by my side,
Still he seeks my steps to guide.
- 3 How can I repay thy love,
Lord of all the hosts above?
What have I, a child, to bring
Unto thee, thou heavenly King?
4. I have but myself to give:
Let me to thy glory live;
Let me follow, day by day,
Where thou showest me the way.

358

(Also for adults.) Sarah Betts Rhodes (1870).

- G**OD who made the earth,
The air, the sky, the sea,
Who gave the light its birth,
Careth for me.
- 2 God, who made the grass,
The flower, the fruit, the tree,
The day and night to pass,
Careth for me.

3. God who made the sun,
The moon, the stars, is he
Who, when life's clouds come on,
Careth for me.

359

Florence Hoatson.

GOD whose name is Love,
Happy children we:
Listen to the hymn
That we sing to thee.

- 2 Help us to be good,
Always kind and true,
In the games we play
Or the work we do.

3. Bless us every one
Singing here to thee.
God whose name is Love,
Loving may we be!

360 (*Spring.*) (*Older classes also.*) *G. W. Briggs.*

HARK! a hundred notes are swelling
Loud and clear.

'Tis the happy birds are telling
Spring is here!

Nature, decked in brave array,
Casts her winter robes away;
All earth's little folk rejoicing
Haste to greet the glad new day.

2. Lord and life of all things living,
Come to me:
Thou delightest but in giving;
Give to me:

Spring of joyous life thou art:
Thine own joy to me impart:
Let my praises be the outburst
Of the springtime in my heart.

361 (*Older classes also.*) *G. W. Briggs.*

I LOVE God's tiny creatures
That wander wild and free,
The coral-coated lady-bird,
The velvet humming-bee;
Shy little flowers in hedge and dyke
That hide themselves away:
God paints them, though they are so small,
God makes them bright and gay.

2. Dear Father, who hast all things made,
And carest for them all,
There 's none too great for thy great love,
Nor anything too small:
If thou canst spend such tender care
On things that grow so wild,
How wonderful thy love must be
For me, thy loving child.

362 (*Nativity.*) *Eleanor Smith.*

IN another land and time,
Long ago and far away,
There was once a baby born
On the first glad Christmas day.

- 2 Words of truth and deeds of love
Filled his life from day to day,
So that all the world was blessed
On the first glad Christmas day.

3. Little children did he love
With a tender love alway:
So should little children be
Always glad for Christmas day.

363

Walter J. Mathams.

JESUS, friend of little children,
Be a friend to me;
Take my hand, and ever keep me
Close to thee.

- 2 Teach me how to grow in goodness,
Daily as I grow:
Thou hast been a child, and surely
Thou dost know.

3. Never leave me, nor forsake me;
Ever be my friend;
For I need thee, from life's dawning
To its end.

364 (*Evening.*) *Mrs. Mary Duncan, 1814-40.*

JESUS, tender shepherd, hear me,
Bless thy little lamb to-night;
Through the darkness be thou near me;
Watch my sleep till morning light.

2. All this day thy hand has led me,
And I thank thee for thy care;
Thou hast clothed me, warmed and fed me;
Listen to my evening prayer.

365

Mrs. J. A. Carney ‡ (1845).

LITTLE drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the beauteous land.

- 2 Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make our earth an Eden,
Like the heavens above.
- 3 Little seeds of mercy
Sown by youthful hands,
Grow to bless the nations
Far in other lands.
4. Glory then for ever
Be to God on high,
Beautiful and loving,
To eternity.

366

Jane E. Leeson, 1807-82.

LOVING Shepherd of thy sheep,
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from thy hand.

- 2 I would bless thee every day,
Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above,
Happy in thy precious love.
- 3 Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

4. Where thou leadest I would go,
Walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

367

S. P.

O DEAR and lovely Brother,
The Son of God alone,
When we love one another
We are thy very own.

2. In heaven thy face is hidden,
Too near for us to see;
And each of us is bidden
To share that heaven with thee.

368 (*Nativity.*) *Mrs. C. F. Alexander, 1823-95.*

O NCE in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

- 2 He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3* And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

4* For he is our childhood's pattern:
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

369 (*Also for adults.*)

P. Dearmer.

REMEMBER all the people
Who live in far-off lands
In strange and lovely cities,
Or roam the desert sands,
Or farm the mountain pastures,
Or till the endless plains
Where children wade through rice-fields
And watch the camel-trains:

2 Some work in sultry forests
Where apes swing to and fro,
Some fish in mighty rivers,
Some hunt across the snow.

Remember all God's children,
Who yet have never heard
The truth that comes from Jesus,
The glory of his word.

3. God bless the men and women
Who serve him oversea;
God raise up more to help them
To set the nations free,
Till all the distant people
In every foreign place
Shall understand his Kingdom
And come into his grace.

370

Jane E. Leeson, 1807-82.

SAVIOUR, teach me, day by day,
Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be,
Loving him who first loved me.

- 2 With a child's glad heart¹ of love
At thy bidding may I move,
Prompt to serve and follow thee,
Loving him who first loved me.
- 3 Teach me thus thy steps to trace,
Strong to follow in thy grace,
Learning how to love from thee,
Loving him who so loved me.
4. Love in loving finds employ,
In obedience all her joy;
Ever new that joy will be,
Loving him who first loved me.

371 *R. S. Hawker of Morwenstow, 1803-75.*

SING to the Lord the children's hymn,
His gentle love declare,
Who bends amid the seraphim
To hear the children's prayer.

- 2 He at a mother's breast was fed,
Though God's own son was he;
He learnt the first small words he said
At a meek mother's knee.
- 3 He held us to his mighty breast,
The children of the earth;
He lifted up his hands and blessed
The babes of human birth.
4. Lo! from the stars his face will turn
On us with glances mild;
The angels of his presence yearn
To bless the little child.

372 *Christina Rossetti, 1830-94.*

THE shepherds had an angel,
The wise men had a star;
But what have I, a little child,
To guide me home from far,
Where glad stars sing together
And singing angels are?

- 2 Lord Jesus is my guiding star,
My beacon-light in heaven;
He leads me step by step along
The path of life uneven;
He, true light, leads me to that land
Whose day shall be as seven.

3*Those shepherds through the lonely night
Sat watching by their sheep,
Until they saw the heavenly host
Who neither tire nor sleep,
All singing 'Glory, glory'
In festival they keep.

4.*Christ watches me, his little lamb,
Cares for me day and night,
That I may be his own in heaven:
So angels clad in white
Shall sing their 'Glory, glory'
For my sake in the height.

373

Anon.

THE wise may bring their learning,
The rich may bring their wealth,
And some may bring their greatness,
And some their strength and health:
We, too, would bring our treasures
To offer to the King;
We have no wealth or learning—
What shall we children bring?

2. We'll bring the many duties
We have to do each day;
We'll try our best to please him,
At home, at school, at play:
And better are these treasures
To offer to our King
Than richest gifts without them;
Yet these a child may bring.

374 (*Morning or Evening.*) *F.T. Palgrave, 1824-97.*

THOU who once on mother's knee
Wast a little one like me,
When I wake, or go to bed,
Lay thy hands upon my head;
Let me feel thee very near,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour dear.

2. Be beside me in the light,
Be close by me through the night;
Make me gentle, kind, and true,
Do what I am bid to do;
Help and cheer me when I fret,
And forgive when I forget.

375 (*Morning.*) *W. Canton, 1845-1926.*

THROUGH the night thy angels kept
Watch beside me while I slept;
Now the dark has passed away,
Thank thee, Lord, for this new day.

- 2 North and south and east and west
May thy holy name be blest;
Everywhere beneath the sun,
As in heaven, thy will be done.
3. Give me food that I may live;
Every naughtiness forgive;
Keep all evil things away
From thy little child this day.

376 (*Also for adults.*) *J. M. C. Crum.*

TO God who makes all lovely things
How happy must our praises be!
Each day a new surprise he brings
To make us glad his world to see.

- 2 How plentiful must be the mines
From which he gives his gold away;
In March he gives us celandines,
He gives us buttercups in May.
- 3 He grows the wheat and never stops;
There 's none can count the blades of green;
And up among the elm-tree tops
As many thousand leaves are seen.
- 4 And when the wheat is bound in sheaves
He sends his wind among the trees,
And down come all the merry leaves
In yellow-twinkling companies.
- 5*On winter nights his quiet flakes
Come falling, falling all the night,
And when the world next morning wakes
It finds itself all shining white.
- 6*He makes the sea that shines afar
With waves that dance unceasingly;
And every single little star
That twinkles in the evening sky.
7. He made the people that I meet,
The many people, great and small,
In home and school, and down the street,
And he made me to love them all.

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Jan Struther.

WHEN a knight won his spurs, in the
stories of old,
He was gentle and brave, he was gallant and
bold;
With a shield on his arm and a lance in his hand
For God and for valour he rode through the
land.

- 2 No charger have I, and no sword by my side,
Yet still to adventure and battle I ride,
Though back into storyland giants have fled,
And the knights are no more and the dragons
are dead.
3. Let faith be my shield and let joy be my steed
'Gainst the dragons of anger, the ogres of greed;
And let me set free, with the sword of my youth,
From the castle of darkness the power of the truth.

378 *The Ships.* M. M. Penstone, 1859-1910.

WHEN lamps are lighted in the town,
The boats sail out to sea;
The fishers watch when night comes down,
They work for you and me.

- 2 We little children go to rest;
Before we sleep, we pray
That God will bless the fishermen
And bring them back at day.
- 3 The boats come in at early dawn,
When children wake in bed;
Upon the beach the boats are drawn,
And all the nets are spread.
4. God hath watched o'er the fishermen
Far on the deep dark sea,
And brought them safely home again,
Where they are glad to be.

379 (*Nativity.*) William Canton, 1845-1926.

WHEN the herds were watching
In the midnight chill,
Came a spotless lambkin
From the heavenly hill.

- 2 Snow was on the mountains
And the wind was cold,
When from God's own garden
Dropped a rose of gold.
- 3 When 'twas bitter winter,
Homeless and forlorn
In a star-lit stable
Christ the babe was born.
4. Welcome, heavenly lambkin;
Welcome, golden rose;
Alleluya, baby
In the swaddling clothes!

380 *Winter.**S. P.*

WINTER creeps,
Nature sleeps;
Birds are gone,
Flowers are none,
Fields are bare,
Bleak the air,
Leaves are shed:
All seems dead.

2. God's alive!
Grow and thrive,
Hidden away,
Bloom of May,
Robe of June!
Very soon
Nought but green
Will be seen!

FIVE SHORT CAROLS

381 *The Birds Carol. O. B. C. from the Czech.*

FROM out of a wood did a cuckoo fly,
 Cuckoo,
 He came to a manger with joyful cry,
 Cuckoo;
 He hopped, he curtsied, round he flew,
 And loud his jubilation grew,
 Cuckoo, cuckoo, cuckoo.

2 A pigeon flew over to Galilee,
 Vrercroo,
 He strutted, and cooed, and was full of glee,
 Vrercroo,
 And showed with jewelled wings unfurled,
 His joy that Christ was in the world,
 Vrercroo, vrercroo, vrercroo.

3. A dove settled down upon Nazareth,
 Tsucroo,
 And tenderly chanted with all his breath,
 Tsucroo:
 'O you,' he cooed, 'so good and true,
 My beauty do I give to you—
 Tsucroo, tsucroo, tsucroo.'

382 *Cradle Song. Isaac Watts, 1674-1748.*

HUSH! my dear, lie still and slumber;
 Holy angels guard thy bed!
 Heavenly blessings without number
 Gently falling on thy head.

2 How much better thou'rt attended
 Than the Son of God could be
 When from heaven he descended,
 And became a child like thee.

- 3 Soft and easy is thy cradle;
Coarse and hard thy Saviour lay,
When his birthplace was a stable
And his softest bed was hay.
4. May'st thou live to know and fear him,
Trust and love him all thy days:
Then go dwell for ever near him,
See his face and sing his praise.

383 *Rocking Carol.* *Czech. Tr. O. B. C.*

LITTLE Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir;
We will lend a coat of fur,
We will rock you, rock you, rock you,
We will rock you, rock you, rock you:
See the fur to keep you warm,
Snugly round your tiny form.

2. Mary's little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep,
Sleep in comfort, slumber deep;
We will rock you, rock you, rock you,
We will rock you, rock you, rock you:
We will serve you all we can,
Darling, darling little man.

384 *(Christmas, Epiphany.)* *Old Carol.*

THE first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
In a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Noel, noel, noel, noel,
Born is the King of Israel!

- 2 Then wise men, guided by a star,
Came from the eastern countries far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it went:
3. This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay :

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*15th-century Carol. Tr. O. B. C.**Puer nobis nascitur.*

UNTO us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation.

- 2 Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he all men surpasses.
- 3 Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!'
All the little boys he killed
At Bethlem in his fury.
- 4 Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.
- 5.* He the Source and he the End!
Let the organ thunder,
While our happy voices rend
The jocund air asunder!

SUNDAY KINDERGARTEN

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S. T.

Greeting.

Good day to you all, good day to each one,
 Good day to you, teachers! our school has begun.

II

*Collection March.**Julia H. Johnston.*

- H**ERE we come with gladness,
 Gifts of love to bring,
 Praising him who loves us,
 Christ our saviour King.
- 2 Small may be the offering,
 But the Lord will use
 Every gift we bring him;
 None will he refuse.
3. More and more for Jesus
 May we gladly give;
 Giving, giving, giving,
 Is the way to live.

III

Birthdays.

S. T.

WE wish you many happy returns of the day!
 We hope you may be healthy and strong all
 the way:

Strong to do right, slow to do wrong,
 And thoughtful for others all the day long.

Or, if there is no birthday, the following may be substituted:

*The Unseen.**Christina Rossetti.*

WHO has seen the wind?
 Neither you nor I;
 But when the trees bow down their heads
 The wind is passing by.

2. Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you;
But when the leaves hang trembling,
The wind is passing through.

Or the opening verses of 358, 359, 362, 363.

IV

The Roll.

S. T.

OUR babies' names are on the roll:
We love to see them written there;
God give them health in heart and soul
And in their bodies fair.

2. All boys and girls belong to him,
And baby children big and small:
God make them strong in life and limb,
God bless the children all.

See also 382, Watts' Cradle Song.

V

Praise.

S. P. V.

PRAISE him, praise him, all his children
praise him!

He is love, he is love.

2 Thank him, thank him, all his children thank
him!

He is love, he is love.

3 Love him, love him, all his children love him!
He is love, he is love.

4. Crown him, crown him, all his children crown
him!

He is love, he is love.

VI

*Good-bye Song.**S. T.*

GOOD-BYE! Our school is over,
 And we must go away;
 Good-bye to you! we'll try to be true,
 And brave, and kind, and gay.
 Good-bye, good-bye, good-bye!

The following hymns for the young are printed in the Adult sections, for which they are also suitable:

444 All things bright	333 Lord, behold us
445 All things which live	567 Lord of health
462 Can you count the stars	591 Now in life's
299 Far round the world	49 Now the day
499 Glad that I live	611 O Son of man
501 God be in my head	194 Our Father, by whose
502 God is love	34 So here hath been
516 Heavenly Father	6 The year's at the spring
531 I learned it in the meadow	685 To us in Bethlem
538 In our work	36 When virgin morn
540 Jesus, good	700 Who within that stable

Young children can learn the opening verses of hymns like 135, All glory, laud; 145, Jesus Christ is risen to-day; 78, O come, all ye faithful; 82, While shepherds watched. See also the Graces and Doxologies in Part VIII, and the hymns marked ° in the Index.

For collections of hymns for young people, see the Table of Hymns Arranged in the Music Edition.

PART VII

PROCESSIONAL

Processions are well concluded with one of the Doxologies in Part VIII, or with a short hymn.

387 *Christmastide.*

*Prudentius, b. 348.
Tr. R. F. Davis.*

Corde natus ex parentis.

OF the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic close:
Evermore and evermore.

- 2 By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun:
- 3 This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised saviour;
Let the world his praises cry:
- 4 Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering:

5* Now let old and young uniting
Chant to thee harmonious lays,
Maid and matron hymn thy glory,
Infant lips their anthem raise,
Boys and girls together singing
With pure heart their song of praise:

6.* Let the storm and summer sunshine,
Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
Day and night their Lord adore;
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore:

(This hymn may be begun at verse 4.)

388 *Epiphany.* *G. Thring, 1823-1903.*

FROM the eastern mountains
Pressing on they come,
Wise men in their wisdom,
To his humble home;
Stirred by deep devotion,
Hasting from afar,
Ever journeying onward,
Guided by a star.

2 There their Lord and Saviour
Meek and lowly lay,
Wondrous light that led them
Onward on their way,
Ever now to lighten
Nations from afar,
As they journey homeward
By that guiding star.

- 3 Thou who in a manger
Once hast lowly lain,
Who dost now in glory
O'er all kingdoms reign,
Gather in the heathen,
Who in lands afar
Ne'er have seen the brightness
Of thy guiding star.
- 4 Gather in the outcasts,
All who've gone astray;
Throw thy radiance o'er them,
Guide them on their way;
Those who never knew thee,
Those who've wandered far,
Guide them by the brightness
Of thy guiding star.
- 5* Onward through the darkness
Of the lonely night,
Shining still before them
With thy kindly light,
Guide them, Jew and Gentile,
Homeward from afar,
Young and old together,
By thy guiding star.
- 6.* Until every nation,
Whether bond or free,
'Neath thy star-lit banner,
Jesus, follows thee,
O'er the distant mountains
To that heavenly home
Where nor sin nor sorrow
Evermore shall come.

389 *Festivals.*

*Bp. Venantius Fortunatus,
c. 530-609. Cento, S. P. V.*

Salve, festa dies.

Easter

*HAIL thee, Festival Day! blest day that
art hallowed for ever;
Day whereon Christ arose, breaking the
kingdom of death.*

Ascension

*HAIL thee, Festival Day! blest day that
art hallowed for ever;
Day when the Christ ascends, high in the
heavens to reign.*

Whitsunday

*HAIL thee, Festival Day! blest day that
art hallowed for ever;
Day whereon God from heaven shone in the
world with his grace.*

Dedication Festival

*HAIL thee, Festival Day! blest day that
art hallowed for ever;
Day when the Church, like a bride, welcomes
the helpmate of all.*

2* *Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death
of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year now with its
Master returns:*

3 *He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and
the ruler of all men;
All things created on earth sing to the
glory of God:*

- 4* Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the
glory of blossom;
Heaven her gates unbars, flinging her in-
crease of light:
- 5* Christ in his triumph ascends, who hath
vanquished the devil's dominion;
Fitly the light gives him praise—meadows
and ocean and sky:
- 6* Lo, in the likeness of fire, on them that await
his appearing,
He, whom the Lord had foretold, suddenly,
swiftly, descends:
- 7 You who have put on Christ are indeed his
mystical body.
If you have kept his faith, longed to become
as your Lord:
- 8 God the All-Father, the Lord, who rulest
the earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without, cleanse us
from evil within:
- 9 Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our
minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten
of God:
- 10 Paraclete, Spirit of Life, now flow in us, fount
of our being,
Light that dost lighten all, life that in all
dost abide:
11. Praise to the Giver of Good! Thou Love
who art author of concord,
Pour out thy balm on our souls, order our
ways in thy peace:

390 *For any Sunday. P. Dearmer.*
(Not necessarily Processional.)

WELCOME, Day of the Lord, the first and
 the best of the seven,
 Day whereon Christ arose, brought us the pro-
 mise of life.

- 2 Day of refreshing and rest, that was won by
 the Church for the weary
 Working at labour unblest, slaves with no
 break in their toil:
- 3* Day of hilarity bright, of health and serene
 recreation;
 Kindred and friends unite, fathers and children
 can play:
- 4 Day that we set apart for all that is highest
 within us,
 Freed from the workshop and mart, finding
 the lovely and true:
5. Day for the worship of God, in fellowship
 sacred and joyful,
 Prayer and the heavenly food, comfort and
 knowledge and praise:

391 *Whitsuntide. Based on Veni, sancte
 Spiritus. S. P. V.*

HOLY Spirit, make us strong!
 Radiant powers to thee belong;
 Bless us, as we raise our song:
Alleluya!

- 2 Come to them who suffer dearth ;
With thy gifts of priceless worth
Lighten all who dwell on earth :
- 3 Thou the heart's most precious guest,
Thou of strengtheners the best,
Give to us ascent and rest :
- 4 Come! in thee our work is sweet ;
Wings art thou to weary feet,
Shelter from the noon-day heat :
- 5 Blessèd Sun, still rising higher,
Knowledge, counsel, might, inspire,
Understanding, wisdom's fire :
- 6 All good by thine aid is wrought,
Skilful deed and candid thought ;
All we know from thee is brought :
- 7* Cleanse us, Lord, from greed of gain ;
O'er our selfish conflicts reign ;
Heal disease, defect, and pain :
- 8* Touch our hearts with flame divine ;
All our thoughts to thee incline ;
Mould our wills to follow thine :
- 9* Grant us, Lord, who cry to thee,
Steadfast for thy cause to be ;
Give us hope and charity :
- 10.* May we live in holiness,
Through our lives bring happiness,
Help thy Kingdom to progress :

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Caroline M. Noel, 1817-77, and others.

AT the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

- 2 Humbled for a season
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it,
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When through death he passed.
- 3 Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.
- 4 Name him, brothers, name him—
Strong your love as death—
But with awe and wonder,
And with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Evermore adored.

5* In your hearts enthrone him;
 There let him subdue
 All that is not holy,
 All that is not true:
 Crown him as your captain
 In temptation's hour;
 Let his will enfold you
 In its light and power.

6* Brothers, this Lord Jesus
 Dwells with us again,
 In his Father's wisdom
 O'er the earth to reign;
 For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon his brow,
 And our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.

7. Glory then to Jesus,
 Who, the Prince of Light,
 To a world in darkness
 Brought the gift of sight;
 Praise to God the Father;
 In the Spirit's love
 Praise we all together
 Him who reigns above.

393 *The Psalm of Sion.*

Cento from W. Prid ‡ (1585).

CITY of Peace, our mother dear,
 The throne of God on high,
 O sacred city, queen and wife
 Of Christ eternally!

- 2 My heart doth long to see thy face;
My soul doth still desire
Thy glorious beauty to behold;
My mind is set on fire.
- 3 O comely queen, in glory clad,
In honour and degree,
All fair thou art, exceeding bright;
No spot there is in thee.
- 4 O peerless dame and daughter fair
Of love without annoy,
Triumph! for in thy beauty brave
The King doth greatly joy.
- 5 Thy port, thy shape, thy stately grace,
Thy favour fair indeed,
Thy pleasant hue and countenance
All others doth exceed.
- 6 O then thrice happy should my state
In happiness remain,
If I might once thy glorious realm
And princely place attain.
- 7 And view thy gallant gates, thy walls,
Thy streets and dwellings wide,
Thy noble troop of citizens
And mighty King beside.

PART II

- 8 Of stones full precious are thy towers;
Thy gates of pearl are told;
There is that alleluya sung
In streets of beaten gold.
- 9 Those stately towers manifold
On squarèd stones do rise,
With sapphires decked and lofty frames
Enclosèd castlewise.

- 10 Into the gates shall none approach
 But honest, pure and clean;
 No spot, no filth, no loathsome thing
 Shall enter in, or mean.
- 11 City of Peace, our mother dear,
 The comfort of us all,
 How sweet thou art and delicate!
 No thing shall thee befall.
- 12 O, blessèd are the pure in heart!
 Their Sovran they shall see;
 And they most happy heavenly wights
 That of his household be.
- 13 Wherefore, O Lord, dissolve my bonds,
 My chains and fetters strong;
 For I have dwelt within the tents
 Of wanderers over long.
- 14 And grant, O God, for Christ his sake,
 That, once devoid of strife,
 I may thy holy hill attain
 To dwell in all my life.
15. He is the King of Kings, beset
 Amidst his servants right;
 And they, his happy household all,
 Do serve him day and night.

(For another version see 395.)

394

H. Alford,† 1810-71.

FORWARD! be our watchword,
 Steps and voices joined;
 Seek the things before us,
 Not a look behind;
 Burns the fiery pillar
 At our army's head;

Who shall dream of shrinking,
By our Captain led?
Forward through the desert,
Through the toil and fight;
Jordan flows before us,
Sion beams with light.

- 2 Glories upon glories
Hath our God prepared,
By the souls that love him
One day to be shared;
Eye hath not beheld them,
Ear hath never heard;
Nor of these hath uttered
Thought or speech a word.
Forward, marching eastward,
Where the heaven is bright,
Till the veil be lifted,
Till our faith be sight.

- 3 Far o'er yon horizon
Rise the city towers;
Where our God abideth,
That fair home is ours:
Flash the streets with jasper,
Shine the gates with gold;
Flows the gladdening river,
Shedding joys untold:
Thither, onward thither,
In the Spirit's might;
Pilgrims to your country,
Forward into light.

- 4* Into God's high temple
Onward as we press,
Beauty spreads around us,
Born of holiness;

Arch, and vault, and carving,
Lights of varied tone,
Softened words and holy,
Prayer and praise alone;
Every thought up-raising
To our city bright,
Where the tribes assemble
Round the throne of light.

5* Nought that city needeth
Of these aisles of stone;
Where the Godhead dwelleth
Temple there is none;
All the saints that ever
In these courts have stood
Are but babes, and feeding
On the children's food.
On, through sign and token!
Stars amidst the night,
Forward through the darkness,
Forward into light.

6.* To the Father's glory
Loudest anthems raise;
To the Son and Spirit
Echo songs of praise;
To the Lord almighty,
Blessèd three in One,
Be by men and angels
Endless honour done.
Weak are earthly praises,
Dull the songs of night;
Forward into triumph,
Forward into light!

395

'F. B. P.' (late 16th or early 17th cent.).

JERUSALEM, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

2 O happy harbour of the saints!
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.

3* In thee no sickness may be seen,
No hurt, no ache, no sore;
There is no death nor ugly dev'l,
There's life for evermore.

4* No dampish mist is seen in thee,
No cold nor darksome night;
There every soul shines as the sun;
There God himself gives light.

5 There lust and lucre cannot dwell;
There envy bears no sway;
There is no hunger, heat, nor cold,
But pleasure every way.

6 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant I once may see
Thy endless joys, and of the same
Partaker ay to be!

PART II

7 Thy walls are made of precious stones,
Thy bulwarks diamonds square;
Thy gates are of right orient pearl;
Exceeding rich and rare;

- 8 Thy turrets and thy pinnacles
With carbuncles do shine;
Thy very streets are paved with gold,
Surpassing clear and fine;
- 9 Thy houses are of ivory,
Thy windows crystal clear;
Thy tiles are made of beaten gold—
O God that I were there!
- 10 Within thy gates no thing doth come
That is not passing clean,
No spider's web, no dirt, no dust,
No filth may there be seen.
- 11 Ah, my sweet home, Jerusalem,
Would God I were in thee!
Would God my woes were at an end,
Thy joys that I might see!

PART III

- 12 Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
They see God face to face;
They triumph still, they still rejoice :
Most happy is their case.
- 13 We that are here in banishment,
Continually do mourn;
We sigh and sob, we weep and wail,
Perpetually we groan.
- 14 Our sweet is mixed with bitter gall,
Our pleasure is but pain,
Our joys scarce last the looking on,
Our sorrows still remain.
- 15 But there they live in such delight,
Such pleasure and such play,
As that to them a thousand years
Doth seem as yesterday.

PART IV

- 16 Thy vineyards and thy orchards are
Most beautiful and fair,
Full furnishèd with trees and fruits,
Most wonderful and rare;
- 17 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flowers
As nowhere else are seen.
- 18 There 's nectar and ambrosia made,
There 's musk and civet sweet;
There many a fair and dainty drug
Is trodden under feet.
- 19 There cinnamon, there sugar grows,
There nard and balm abound:
What tongue can tell, or heart conceive,
The joys that there are found!
- 20 Quite through the streets with silver sound
The flood of life doth flow,
Upon whose banks on every side
The wood of life doth grow.
- 21 There trees for evermore bear fruit,
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels sit,
And evermore do sing.
- 22* There David stands with harp in hand
As master of the choir:
Ten thousand times that man were blest
That might this music hear.
- 23* Our Lady sings Magnificat
With tune surpassing sweet;
And all the virgins bear their parts,
Sitting about her feet.

- 24* Te Deum doth Saint Ambrose sing,
 Saint Austin doth the like;
 Old Simeon and Zachary
 Have not their songs to seek.
- 25* There Magdalene hath left her moan,
 And cheerfully doth sing
 With blessèd saints, whose harmony
 In every street doth ring.
- 26.* Jerusalem, my happy home,
 Would God I were in thee!
 Would God my woes were at an end
 Thy joys that I might see!

(For another version see 393.)

396 *Onward ever.*

P. Dearmer.

(For the Young, and others.)

PART I (A).

O FATHER above us, our father in might,
 All live by thy love, as the flowers in the
 light;
 Our father and mother and maker art thou.
 Forward!
 Forward ever, forward now!

- 2 In thee move the infinite stars on their rounds,
 The planets, the sun, and the moon in their
 bounds,
 As they kindle and glitter and sparkle and
 glow:

Onward!

Onward ever, onward go!

- 3 The flowers in our gardens of every gay hue,
The meadows and sky-world, the green and the
blue,
All show us thy mind, for thou makest them
so:
- 4 The plants are all breathing, the stones are alive,
The atoms are busy as bees in a hive,
And forces invisible spin to and fro:
- 5 And thou art the maker of beautiful things,
Of roses and daisies and butterflies' wings,
And mountains and forests, and water and
snow:

B.

- 6 The cloud-mists rise up from the sea, by thy
hand,
And bring life to all, as they water the land,
Then back to the ocean as rivers they flow:
- 7 All creatures are thine in the world and beyond,
The bee at the pollen, the fish in the pond,
The fox in his burrow, the bird on the bough:
- 8 The lambs and the calves and the foals that are
born,
The beans and potatoes, the roots and the corn,
The apple and cherry trees, row after row:
- 9 And thine are the herds of the cattle and sheep,
And lions, and monsters who surge in the deep,
And sea-birds who float on the winds as they
blow:

C.

- 10 Thine, Lord, are the men in the mills and
the mines,
The factories, offices, stations, and lines,
The airplanes and steamers that pass to and
fro:
- 11 The smith at his anvil, the cook by her fire,
The builders, the painters, the men in the
choir,
The diggers and weavers, and women who
sew:
- 12 And children who play by the sea on the sand,
Who sing in their schools, and who dance on
the land,
And toss up the hay that the labourers
mow:

PART II

- 13 O Father in heaven, our father on earth,
Thou makest new life in each seed and each
birth;
The inventor, designer and artist art thou.
Forward!
Forward ever, forward now!
- 14 We thank thee for happiness, healthiness,
love,
For thoughts and for whispers that come from
above,
For good things we think of and good things
we do:
Onward!
Onward ever, onward go!

- 15 We thank thee for games, and for friendship
and fun,
And the strength in our limbs when we wrestle
and run,
And all that is good and delightful and true :
- 16 Yes, we praise thee for goodness and beauty
and truth ;
And we pray we may learn in the days of our
youth
To love all the gifts that from thee over-
flow :

PART III

- 17 O Father of goodness, thou art in each one ;
And only our darkness can shadow the sun ;
That sun shining always unclouded art thou.
Forward !
Forward ever, forward now !
- 18 As we forgive others, forgive us our debts,
Preserve us from evil, from anger and
threats,
And all that is mean and deceitful and low :
Onward !
Onward ever, onward go !
- 19 From cruelty, slander, and keeping things
back,
From white lies and grey lies and lies that are
black,
And every temptation to draw the long bow :
- 20 And keep us from making a fuss of our woes,
From sulks and from fretfulness, rudeness and
blows ;
To peace make us quick, and to quarrelling
slow :

- 21 O give us the grace not to wrangle or fight,
And give us the wisdom to know what is right,
And when to say Yes, and the way to say
No:
- 22 So, active and healthy in body and mind,
And sweet to each other, unselfish and kind,
And always more faithful to thee we
would grow:
- 23 And as we grow older, Lord, help us to learn,
That wisdom and truth we may always
discern,
And follow with patience the way thou
wilt show:

PART IV

- 24 O Father of wisdom and friendship and peace,
As men become wiser thy Reign makes increase;
Our guide and inspirer and guardian art
thou.

Forward!

Forward ever, forward now!

- 25 We pray for our fathers and mothers, who give
Our food and our clothes and the homes
where we live:
O teach us to pay them the debt that we
owe:

Onward!

Onward ever, onward go!

- 26 On brothers and sisters, relations and friends,
Each helper and teacher, and each one who
spends
Her time on the children, thy blessing
bestow:

- 27 And we pray for our rulers in Church and in
State,
For all, for the wise and the learned and great,
For neighbour and stranger, for friend and
for foe:
- 28 Mayall men their freedom and happiness win;
May union between all the nations begin;
The Kingdom of Heaven may all come to
know:
- 29 And show us thy light when our notions are
wrong,
Make the ill to be well, and the weak to be
strong,
And all that is evil and false overthrow:

CONCLUSION

- 30* * So we lift up our hands and we sing out
thy praise,
While the banners go forward, and lights are
ablaze,
And the organ peals out, and the trumpeters
blow:
- 31 O God in whose working we live and we move,
Through Jesus we know that thy nature is
love.
O teach us, O lead us, the way we should go:
- 32 We praise thee, O Father of infinite might,
We thank thee for life and for love and for
light,
We pray thee thy treasure on all to bestow:

33. Our Father thou art whom all creatures obey,
 Thy Son to all people on earth shows the way,
 Thy Spirit gives light to our minds here
 below:

*(This may be sung as one long processional such as may be needed on massed festivals: or some only of the Parts may be sung, ending with the Conclusion. Each or any Part may have the star verse ** 30 (with action) sung at the end. Short hymns can be made of any section, A, B, or C, or of any Part, with or without the Conclusion.*

Even those who cannot read can still sing the refrain to each verse, 'Onward ever, onward go,' while others sing the verses.)

397

S. Baring-Gould, 1834-1924.

ONWARD, Christian soldiers!

Marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus
 Going on before.

Christ the royal Master

Leads against the foe;

Forward into battle,

See, his banners go:

Onward, Christian soldiers,

Marching as to war,

With the cross of Jesus

Going on before.

2*At the sign of triumph

Satan's legions flee;

On then, Christian soldiers,

On to victory!

Hell's foundations quiver

At the shout of praise;

Brothers, lift your voices,

Loud your anthems raise:

- 3*Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity:
- 4 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail:
5. Onward, then, ye people,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honour
Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing:

398 *T. Olivers, ‡ 1725-99. Based on the Yigdal.*

THE God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
To him uplift your voice,
At whose supreme command
From earth we rise, and seek the joys
At his right hand.

- 2* Though nature's strength decay,
And earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds we urge our way
At his command.
The watery deep we pass,
With Jesus in our view;
And through the howling wilderness
Our way pursue.
- 3 The goodly land we see,
With peace and plenty blest;
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest;
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life for ever grow,
With mercy crowned.
- 4 There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace;
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.
- 5 Before the great Three-One
They all exulting stand,
And tell the wonders he hath done
Through all their land:
The listening spheres attend,
And swell the growing fame,
And sing, in songs which never end,
The wondrous name.

- 6* The God who reigns on high
 The great archangels sing,
 And 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,
 'Almighty King!
 Who was, and is, the same,
 And evermore shall be:
 Eternal Father, great "I AM",
 We worship thee.'
- 7.* The whole triumphant host
 Give thanks to God on high;
 'Hail! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'
 They ever cry:
 Hail! Abraham's God, and mine!
 (I join the heavenly lays)
 All might and majesty are thine,
 And endless praise.

The following also, among others, are suitable for use in procession:

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|--|---|
| 436 A safe stronghold | 206 Hark the sound (<i>Saints</i>) |
| 439 All creatures of our God | 64 Hills of the North (<i>Missions Oversea</i>) |
| 440 All hail the power | 169 How great the harvest
(<i>Easter to Trinity</i>) |
| 443 <i>Old Hundredth</i> . All people | 199 Light's abode |
| 304 <i>Pioneers</i> . All the past | 159 Lo, when the day (<i>Easter</i>) |
| 190 Blessed City (<i>Dedication</i>) | 578 <i>Battle Song</i> . Mine eyes |
| 477 Come, ye people (<i>Easter</i> ,
&c.) | 590 Not with a choir of angels |
| 480 Crown him upon the
throne | 78 O come, all ye (<i>Christmas</i> ,
<i>Epiphany</i>) |
| 485 Eternal Ruler (<i>Trinity</i> ,
&c.) | 246 O Faith of England |
| 326 Father eternal | 598 O God, our help |
| 202 For all the Saints (<i>Saints</i>) | 616 O thou that movest all |
| 495 For the might | 200 O what their joy |
| 300 God is working (<i>Missions Oversea</i>) | 633 <i>Ring out, wild bells</i> |
| 317 <i>Recessional</i> . God of our
fathers | 213 Servants of God |
| 87 Hail to the Lord's (<i>Epiph.</i>) | 302 Servants of the great ad-
venture (<i>Oversea</i>) |
| | 642 Soldiers of the cross |

339 Son of God, eternal Sa-
viour (*Societies*)

4 Spring has now

324 The King, O God

216 The Son of God goes
forth (*Saints*)

678 Through the night

683 To the Name

684 To thee whose eye

687 Wake, O wake

689 We saw thee not

690 We sing of God

209 What are these (*Saints*)

210 Who are these (*Saints*)

700 Who within that stable

143 Ye sons and daughters
(*Easter*)

PART VIII

VERSES AND DOXOLOGIES

Graces, &c. . . . Nos. 399-405
Doxologies . . . 406-418

GRACES AND OTHER VERSES

399 *St. Richard of Chichester, c. 1197-1253.*

DAY by day,
Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by day.

400 *Morning.* *G. W. B.*

DEAR Father, keep me through this day
Obedient, kind and true:
That, always loving thee, I may
Seek all thy will to do.

401 *George Herbert, † 1593-1633.*

ENRICH, Lord, heart, mouth, hands in me,
With faith, with hope, with charity:
That I may run, rise, rest with thee.

402 *Herrick's Grace. Robert Herrick, 1591-1674.*

HERE a little child I stand,
Heaving up my either hand;
Cold as paddocks though they be,
Here I lift them up to thee,
For a benison to fall
On our meat and on us all. Amen.

(*Paddocks are frogs and toads: a benison is a blessing.*)

403 *Grace before Meals.* G. W. B.

OUR Father, for our daily bread
Accept our praise and hear our prayer.
By thee all living souls are fed:
Thy bounty and thy loving care
With all thy children let us share.

404 *E. Rutter Leatham.*

THANK you for the world so sweet;
Thank you for the food we eat;
Thank you for the birds that sing:
Thank you, God, for everything!

405 *Anon.*

WE thank thee, loving Father,
For all thy tender care,
For food and clothes and shelter
And all the world so fair.

DOXOLOGIES, ETC.

For the Conclusion of a Service or of Part of a Service

Some of these, such as 407, 408, 410, 411, 412, 414, 418, are suitable also for the beginning of a service, as are also verses from many other hymns.

406 (350)

ALL praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

407

G. D.

BE, Lord, the happy guide
Our earthly ways beside,
As onward we are faring:
Thou art the Word, but since
Thou didst become our Prince,
Be not of us despairing.
Enclose us as the robe
Of air about our globe,
And be our inspiration;
That life on earth begun
Beneath our daily sun
Be crowned in man's creation. Amen.

408

*Ps. 117.**I. Watts (1719).*

FROM all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by every tongue.
Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Amen.

409

L. H.

HONOUR and glory, power and salvation,
Be in the highest unto him who reigneth
Changeless in heaven over earthly changes,
Triune, eternal. Amen.

410 *Ps. 121.**Scottish Psalter (1650).*

I TO the hills will lift mine eyes,
 From whence doth come mine aid.
 My safety cometh from the Lord,
 Who heaven and earth hath made.

2. Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
 He slumber that thee keeps.
 Behold, he that keeps Israel,
 He slumbers not, nor sleeps.

411

J. C. Earle, 1821-99.

I WILL arise and to my Father go;
 This very hour the journey is begun:
 I start to reach the blissful goal, and lo,
 My spirit at one bound her race has run.
 For seeking God and finding him are one;
 He feeds the rilllets that towards him flow:
 It is the Father who first seeks the son,
 And moves all heavenward movement, swift or
 slow.

412

A. G.

IN God rejoice! his good endures;
 To all he gives, from all receives:
 The urge and end of world desire,
 He shapes, foresees, informs, achieves:
 Our great Companion understands
 And man's bewildering sorrow shares:
 Praise him, the Poet who creates;
 Praise him, the Patience who forbears!

413 L.M.

(25)

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

414

T. B. Browne, 1805-74.

PRAISE the Lord of heaven; praise him in the
 height;
 Praise him, all ye angels; praise him, stars and
 light;
 For the name of God is excellent alone:
 On the earth his footstool, over heaven his throne.
 Amen.

415

S. P. (157)

THROUGH north and south and east and
 west
 May God's immortal name be blest:
 Alleluya, alleluya!
 Till everywhere beneath the sun
 His Kingdom comes, his will is done:
 Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!
 Amen.

416 C.M.

(449, 677)

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 The God whom we adore,
 Be glory, as it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore. Amen.

417 S.M.

S. P. (601)

TO thee, who makest all,
 High praise and glory be,
 Who Goodness, Truth, and Beauty art
 Through all eternity. Amen.

418

(624)

WORSHIP, honour, glory, blessing,
 Lord, we offer to thy name;
 Young and old, thy praise expressing,
 Join their Saviour to proclaim.
 As the saints in heaven adore thee,
 We would bow before thy throne;
 As thine angels serve before thee,
 So on earth thy will be done. Amen.

See also

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 135, v. 1, 2 | <i>All glory, laud, and honour</i> |
| 82, v. 6 | <i>All glory be to God (Christmas)</i> |
| 528, v. 4 | <i>Christ be with me</i> |
| 280, v. 2 | <i>Glory let us give</i> |
| 365, v. 4 | <i>Glory then for ever</i> |
| 49, v. 8 | <i>Glory to the Father</i> |
| 206, v. 5 | <i>God of God (Saints)</i> |
| 187, v. 4 | <i>Holy, holy, holy (The Trinity), or 169, v. 5</i> |
| 526, v. 4 | <i>How great a being</i> |
| 528, v. 5 | <i>I bind unto myself, or v. 3</i> |
| 556 | <i>Let all the world in every corner sing</i> |
| 12, v. 1 | <i>Let us with a gladsome mind</i> |
| 172, v. 4 | <i>Lord, beyond (Ascension), or 173, v. 4</i> |
| 78, v. 4 | <i>Lo! star-led (Epiphany)</i> |
| 148, vv. 5, 6 | <i>Maker of all (Easter), or 147, v. 1</i> |
| 375, v. 2 | <i>North and south</i> |
| 79, v. 5 | <i>O holy Child (Christmas)</i> |
| 609 | <i>O sing to the Lord in his greatness</i> |
| 624, v. 1 | <i>Praise the Lord! Ye heavens</i> |
| 626, v. 4 | <i>Praise to the Lord</i> |
| 78, v. 6 | <i>Sing, choirs of angels (Christmas)</i> |
| 178, v. 4 | <i>Teach us to know (The Holy Spirit), or 181, v. 4</i> |
| 157, v. 3 | <i>Thou boundless power</i> |
| 443, v. 5 | <i>To Father, Son (L.M.)</i> |
| 161, v. 4 | <i>To God be the glory</i> |
| 396, vv. 32, 33 | <i>We praise thee, O Father</i> |
| 690, v. 1 | <i>We sing of God</i> |

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('Amen' is generally suitable after Doxologies.)

PART IX

CANTICLES, ETC.

419 *Venite. Ps. 95.*

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.

PART II

O COME, let us worship, and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Doxology

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

420 *Te Deum. 4th or 5th century. Original Version.*

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud : the heavens, and
all the powers therein.

To thee cherubin and seraphin : continually
do cry,

Holy, holy, holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty : of
thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles : praise
thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets : praise
thee.

The noble army of martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world :
doth acknowledge thee;

The Father : of an infinite majesty;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

PART II

THOU art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of
death : thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven
to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the
glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our
judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious
blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in
glory everlasting.

421 *Benedicite.* Apocrypha, Bk. 9

O ALL ye works of the Lord :

*Bless ye the Lord*¹ :

Praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye heavens :

O all ye powers of the Lord :

O ye sun and moon :

O ye stars of heaven :

O ye showers and dew :

O ye winds of God :

O ye fire and heat :

O ye winter and summer :

O ye ice and snow :

O ye nights and days :

O ye lightnings and clouds :

PART II

O YE mountains and hills :

O all ye green things upon the earth :

O ye seas and floods :

O ye whales, and all that move in the waters :

O all ye fowls of the air :

O all ye beasts and cattle :

O ye children of men :

PART III

O LET *Israel*² bless the Lord :

O ye priests of the Lord :

O ye servants of the Lord :

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous :

O ye holy and humble men of heart :

¹ *The Minister may say, 'Bless ye the Lord'; the People, 'Praise him', &c.*

² *Or the World, or England, &c.*

- * O give thanks unto the Lord, because he is gracious : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- * O all ye that worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, praise him, and give him thanks : for his mercy endureth for ever.

422 *Benedictus.* St. Luke 1 : 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets :
which have been since the world began;

* That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hands of all that hate us ;

* To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy covenant ;

* To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us ;

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies : might serve him without fear ;

In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.

PART II

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways ;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us ;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

423 *Jubilate.* Ps. 100.

OBE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

424 *Magnificat.* St. Luke 1 : 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

425 *Cantate.* Ps. 98.

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

* Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

* With trumpets also and shawms : O show yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

* Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

426 *Nunc dimittis.* St. Luke 2: 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

427 *Deus misereatur. Ps. 67.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

428 *Dominus regit me. Ps. 23.*

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

429 *Miserere mei, Deus. Ps. 51.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

* Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

* Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

* Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

* Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

* Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

430 *Dilexi, quoniam.* Ps. 116.

I AM well pleased : that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer ;

That he hath inclined his ear unto me : therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about : and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the name of the Lord : O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous : yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple : I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul : for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why, thou hast delivered my soul from death : mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord : in the land of the living.

* What reward shall I give unto the Lord : for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

* I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the name of the Lord.

* I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

431 *Gloria in excelsis* *Greek, c. 4th century.*

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we

give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

432 Ecclesiasticus 44.

LET us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.

Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power.

Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge.

Such as found out musical tunes and recited verses in writing :

All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times.

And some there be which have no memorial; who are perished as though they had never been.

Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

433

We believe:

God is spirit : and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

God is light : and if we walk in the light, as

he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

God is love : and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.

Jesus is the Son of God : and God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

We are children of God : and he hath given us of his spirit.

If we confess our sins : he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.

The world passeth away and the lust thereof : but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. Amen.

434 *The Song of the Creatures. St. Francis (1225).
Tr. Matthew Arnold.*

O MOST high, almighty, good Lord God : to thee belong praise, glory, honour, and all blessing.

Praisèd be my Lord God, with all his creatures : and specially our brother the sun, who brings us the day and who brings us the light.

Fair is he, and shining with a very great splendour : O Lord, he signifies to us thee.

Praisèd be my Lord for our sister the moon : and for the stars, the which he has set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praisèd be my Lord for our brother the wind : and for air and cloud, calms, and all weather by the which thou upholdest in life all creatures.

Praisèd be my Lord for our sister water : who is very serviceable unto us, and humble and precious and clean.

Praisèd be my Lord for our brother fire, through whom thou givest us light in the darkness : and he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.

Praisèd be my Lord for our mother the earth, the which doth sustain us and keep us : and bringeth forth divers fruits, and flowers of many colours, and grass.

PART II

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Praisèd be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for his love's sake : and who endure weakness and tribulation.

Blessèd are they who peaceably shall endure : for thou, O most Highest, shalt give them a crown.

* Praisèd be my Lord for our sister the death of the body : blessed are they who are found walking by thy most holy will.

Doxology to either Part

Praise ye and bless ye the Lord and give thanks unto him : and serve him with great humility. Alleluya, alleluya!

BOOK II

PART X

GENERAL

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435 *Resurrection.*

E. H.

A BRIGHTER dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For thou, O King most highest,
The power of death defiest;

2 And thou hast come victorious,
With risen body glorious,
Who now for ever livest,
And life abundant givest.

3 O free the world from blindness,
And fill the world with kindness;
Give sinners resurrection,
Bring striving to perfection;

4. In sickness give us healing,
In doubt thy clear revealing,
That praise to thee be given
In earth as in thy heaven.

436 *Martin Luther, 1483-1546.**Tr. Thomas Carlyle.*

Ein' feste Burg.

A SAFE stronghold our God is still,
 A trusty shield and weapon;
 He'll help us clear from all the ill
 That hath us now o'ertaken.

The ancient prince of hell
 Hath risen with purpose fell;
 Strong mail of craft and power
 He weareth in this hour;

On earth is not his fellow.

2 With force of arms we nothing can,
 Full soon were we down-ridden;
 But for us fights the proper Man,
 Whom God himself hath bidden.

Ask ye, Who is this same?

Christ Jesus is his name,
 The Lord Sabaoth's Son;

He, and no other one,

Shall conquer in the battle.

3* And were this world all devils o'er,
 And watching to devour us,

1 We lay it not to heart so sore;
 Not they can overpower us.

And let the prince of ill
 Look grim as e'er he will,
 He harms us not a whit;

For why?—his doom is writ;

A word shall quickly slay him.

4.*God's word, for all their craft and force,
 One moment will not linger,

But, spite of hell, shall have its course;

'Tis written by his finger.

And though they take our life,
Goods, honour, children, wife,
Yet is their profit small;
These things shall vanish all:
The City of God remaineth!

437

H. F. Lyte, 1793-1847.

ABIDE with me; fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me
abide!

When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's
power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the
skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

438

J. G. Whittier, 1807-92.

ALL as God wills, who wisely heeds
To give or to withhold,
And knoweth more of all my needs
Than all my prayers have told!

- 2 Enough that blessings undeserved
Have marked my erring track;
That wheresoe'er my feet have swerved
His chastening turned me back;
- 3 That more and more a providence
Of love is understood,
Making the springs of time and sense
Sweet with eternal good;
- 4 That death seems but a covered way
Which opens into light,
Wherein no blinded child can stray
Beyond the Father's sight;
- 5* That care and trial seem at last,
Through memory's sunset air,
Like mountain ranges overpast,
In purple distance fair;
- 6* That all the jarring notes of life
Seem blending in a psalm,
And all the angles of its strife
Slow rounding into calm.
7. And so the shadows fall apart,
And so the west winds play;
And all the windows of my heart
I open to the day.

439

W. H. Draper, based on St. Francis.

ALL creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!*

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluya!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, alleluya!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:

4* Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:

5* And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluya!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:

6* And thou, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluya!

Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod:

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:

See also

434 O most high

440

E. Perronet (1780), and others.

- ALL hail the power of Jesus' name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye prophets who our freedom won,
Ye searchers, great and small,
By whom the work of truth is done,
Now crown him Lord of all.
- 4* Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.
- 5 *Bless him, each poor oppressèd race
That Christ did upward call;
His hand in each achievement trace,
And crown him Lord of all.

6. Let every tribe and every tongue
 To him their hearts enthal:
 Lift high the universal song,
 And crown him Lord of all.

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B. R.

ALL hail to the Power who giveth men might,
 All praise to the God too great for our
 sight!

O Spirit concealed, not vainly we call—
 Thy face is revealed as Father of all.

2. Enlighten our minds, thou author of light,
 Thou love undiscouraged, thou charity bright,
 That we, all our days, whatever befall,
 May show thee our praise, thou Father of all.

442

J. Neander, 1650-80. Pr. Y. H.

Meine Hoffnung stehet feste.

ALL my hope on God is founded;
 He doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth,
 Only good and only true.

God unknown,

He alone

Calls my heart to be his own.

- 2 Pride of man and earthly glory,
 Sword and crown betray his trust;
 What with care and toil he buildeth,
 Tower and temple, fall to dust.
 But God's power,
 Hour by hour,
 Is my temple and my tower.

- 3 God's great goodness ay endureth,
 Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
 Splendour, light, and life attend him,
 Beauty springeth out of nought.
 Evermore,
 From his store
 New-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4*Daily doth the almighty giver
 Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 His desire our soul delighteth,
 Pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand
 At his hand;
 Joy doth wait on his command.
- 5.*Still from man to God eternal
 Sacrifice of praise be done,
 High above all praises praising
 For the gift of Christ his Son.
 Christ doth call
 One and all:
 Ye who follow shall not fall.

443 *Ps. 100. W. Kethe, Daye's Psalter (1560-1),
 and Scottish Psalter (1650).*

ALL people that on earth do dwell,
 Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
 Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
 Come ye before him, and rejoice.

- 2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
 Without our aid he did us make;
 We are his folk, he doth us feed,
 And for his sheep he doth us take.

- 3 O enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why, the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.

444

Mrs. C. F. Alexander, ‡ 1823-95.

*ALL things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

- 2 Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings:
- 3 The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky:
- 4 The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one:

5*The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water
To gather every day:

6. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well:

445

Edward J. Brailsford, 1841-1921.

ALL things which live below the sky,
Or move within the sea,
Are creatures of the Lord most high,
And brothers unto me.

2 I love to hear the robin sing,
Perched on the highest bough;
To see the rook with purple wing
Follow the shining plough.

3 I love to watch the swallow skim
The river in his flight;
To mark, when day is growing dim,
The glow-worm's silvery light;

4 The sea-gull whiter than the foam,
The fish that dart beneath;
The lowing cattle coming home;
The goats upon the heath.

5*God taught the wren to build her nest,
The lark to soar above,
The hen to gather to her breast
The offspring of her love.

6*Beneath his heaven there's room for all;
 He gives to all their meat;
 He sees the meanest sparrow fall
 Unnoticed in the street.

7. Almighty Father, King of Kings,
 The lover of the meek,
 Make me a friend of helpless things,
 Defender of the weak.

446 *Jerusalem.* William Blake, 1757-1827.

AND did those feet in ancient time
 Walk upon England's mountains green?
 And was the holy Lamb of God
 On England's pleasant pastures seen?
 And did the countenance divine
 Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
 And was Jerusalem builded here
 Among those dark satanic mills?

2. Bring me my bow of burning gold!
 Bring me my arrows of desire!
 Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
 Bring me my chariot of fire!
 I will not cease from mental fight,
 Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
 Till we have built Jerusalem
 In England's green and pleasant land.

447 *Jean Ingelow, 1820-97.*

AND didst thou love the race that loved not
 thee?
 And didst thou take to heaven a human brow?
 Dost plead with man's voice by the marvellous
 sea?
 Art thou his kinsman now?

- 1 O God, O kinsman loved, but not enough,
O Man, with eyes majestic after death,
Whose feet have toiled along our pathways
rough,
Whose lips drawn human breath:
- 2 By that one likeness which is ours and thine,
By that one nature which doth hold us
kin,
By that high heaven where, sinless, thou dost
shine
To draw us sinners in;
- 3 By thy last silence in the judgment hall,
By long foreknowledge of the deadly tree,
By darkness, by the wormwood and the gall,
I pray thee visit me.
4. Come, lest this heart should, cold and cast
away,
Die ere the guest adored she entertain:
Lest eyes which never saw thine earthly day
Should miss thy heavenly reign.

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John Stuart Blackie,† 1809–95.

ANGELS holy, high and lowly,
Sing the praises of the Lord;
Earth and sky, all living nature,
Starry temples azure-floored,
Man, the stamp of thy creator,
Praise ye, praise ye God the Lord:

*Praise ye, praise ye God the Lord,
Praise ye, praise ye God the Lord.*

- 2 Ocean hoary, tell his glory;
Cliffs, where tumbling seas have roared,
Mighty mountains, purple breasted,
Crag where eagle's pride hath soared,
Peaks cloud-cleaving, snowy-crested,
Praise ye, praise ye God the Lord:
- 3 Rolling river, praise him ever,
From the mountain's deep vein poured;
Silver fountain, clearly gushing,
Sing the praises of the Lord;
Troubled torrent, madly rushing,
Praise ye, praise ye God the Lord:
4. Youth, whose morning smiles at warning,
Age, in counsel deeply stored,
Each glad soul its free course winging,
Praise him, Father, Friend, and Lord,
Each glad voice its free song singing,
Praise the great and mighty Lord:

449 Ps. 42.

*N. Tate and N. Brady,
New Version (1696).*

AS pants the hart for cooling streams
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for thee,
And thy refreshing grace.

- 2 For thee, my God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face,
Thou Majesty divine?
- 3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
The praise of him who is thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring.

4. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

450

G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, 1883-1929.

AWAKE, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky,
The fields are wet with diamond dew,
The world 's awake to cry
Their blessings on the Lord of life,
As he goes meekly by.

- 2 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,
Shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up,
Great lord of years and days;
So let the love of Jesus come,
And set thy soul ablaze,
3. To give, and give, and give again,
What God has given thee;
To spend thyself, nor count the cost;
To serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are
And all that are to be.

451

I. Watts, 1674-1748.

AWAKE, our souls! away, our fears!
Let every trembling thought be gone!
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
And put a cheerful courage on.

- 2 True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,
And mortal spirits tire and faint;
But they forget the mighty God,
That feeds the strength of every saint.

- 3 O mighty God! thy matchless power
Is ever new and ever young;
And firm endures, while endless years
Their everlasting circles run.
- 4 From thee, the ever-flowing spring,
Our souls shall drink a fresh supply;
While such as trust their native strength
Shall melt away, and droop, and die.
5. Swift as the eagle cuts the air,
We'll mount aloft to thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly,
Nor tire along the heavenly road.

452 *Science.* *Sir Ronald Ross, 1857-1932.*

- B**EFORE thy feet I fall,
Lord, who made high my fate;
For in the mighty small
Thou show'st the mighty great.
- 2 Lo, while we ask the stars
To learn the will of God,
His answer unawares
Strikes sudden from the sod.
- 3 He is the Lord of light;
He is the thing that is;
He sends the seeing sight;
And the right mind is his.
4. Henceforth I will resound
But praises unto thee;
Though I was beat and bound,
Thou gav'st me victory.

See also

285 From thee all skill
567 Lord of health
571 Lord, when the wise

606 O Lord of hosts
312 These things shall be
214 Virtue supreme

453 *Courage.* *Anne Brontë,† 1820-49.*

- B**ELIEVE not those who say
 The upward path is smooth,
 Lest thou shouldst stumble in the way
 And faint before the truth.
- 2 It is the only road
 Unto the realms of joy;
 But he who seeks that blest abode
 Must all his powers employ.
- 3 Arm, arm thee for the fight!
 Cast useless loads away;
 Watch through the darkest hours of night;
 Toil through the hottest day.
- 4 To labour and to love,
 To pardon and endure,
 To lift thy heart to God above
 And keep thy conscience pure,—
- 5 Be this thy constant aim,
 Thy hope, thy chief delight;
 What matter who should whisper blame,
 Or who should scorn or slight,
6. If but thy God approve,
 And if, within thy breast,
 Thou feel the comfort of his love,
 The earnest of his rest.

454 *Josiah Conder, 1789-1855.*

- B**EYOND, beyond that boundless sea,
 Above that dome of sky,
 Farther than thought itself can flee,
 Thy dwelling is on high;
 Yet dear the awful thought to me,
 That thou, my God, art nigh;

- 2 Art nigh, and yet my labouring mind
 Feels after thee in vain,
 Thee in these works of power to find,
 Or to thy seat attain,
 Thy messenger the stormy wind,
 Thy path the trackless main:
- 3 These speak of thee with loud acclaim:
 They thunder forth thy praise,
 The glorious honour of thy name,
 The wonders of thy ways:
 But thou art not in tempest-flame,
 Nor in day's glorious blaze.
- 4*We hear thy voice when thunders roll
 Through the wide fields of air;
 The waves obey thy dread control,
 Yet still thou art not there.
 Where shall I find him, O my soul,
 Who yet is everywhere?
5. O not in circling depth or height,
 But in the conscious breast;
 Present to faith, though veiled from sight,
 There doth his Spirit rest.
 O come, thou Presence infinite!
 And make thy creature blest.

455

J. Keble (1819), and others.

- B**LEST are the pure in heart,
 For they shall see our God;
 The secret of the Lord is theirs,
 Their soul is Christ's abode.
- 2 The Lord, who left the heavens
 Our life and peace to bring,
 To dwell in lowliness with men,
 Their pattern and their King;

- 3 Still to the lowly soul
 He doth himself impart,
 And for his dwelling and his throne
 Chooseth the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
 May ours this blessing be:
 Give us a pure and lowly heart,
 A temple meet for thee.

See also

523 How blest are they

456 *The Pilgrim.*

P. B. Clayton, based on John Bunyan.

- B**LEST be the day when moved I was
 A pilgrim for to be,
 And blessed also be the cause
 That thereto moved me.
- 2 Blest work, that drove me back to pray,
 To strive to be sincere;
 To take my cross up day by day
 With love that casts out fear.
- 3 Yet long it is since I began
 And little have I done:
 God give me grace to play the man
 And heed my heart and tongue;
- 4 To show the road from doubt to faith,
 For feet beside mine own
 To climb from self to rarer breath,
 Unknown and yet well-known.
- 5* With Master Fearing, may I fear
 My God, and be afraid
 Of doing anything while here
 That may have him betrayed.

6* With Servant Great-heart, who arose
 The children's guide to be,
 For those who trust me, I'd oppose
 Each Giant enemy.

7 He that me seeks shall now be sought:
 Surrendered here I stand,
 A truant eager to be taught
 His purpose for my hand.

8. Life, like an unencumbered flood,
 Leaps to the sea and sky:
 At last, beyond the Slough of mood,
 Master, thy man am I.

457 *Scripture.*

P. Dearmer.

BOOK of books, our people's strength,
 Statesman's, teacher's, hero's treasure,
 Bringing freedom, spreading truth,
 Shedding light that none can measure—
 Wisdom comes to those who know thee,
 All the best we have we owe thee.

2 Thank we those who toiled in thought,
 Many diverse scrolls completing,
 Poets, prophets, scholars, saints,
 Each his word from God repeating;
 Till they came, who told the story
 Of the Word, and showed his glory.

3. Praise we God, who hath inspired
 Those whose wisdom still directs us;
 Praise him for the Word made flesh,
 For the Spirit which protects us.
 Light of Knowledge, ever burning,
 Shed on us thy deathless learning.

See also

570 Lord, thy word
 212 Prophets, teachers
 645 Spread, still spread

660 The Spirit of the Lord
 214 Virtue supreme
 699 Where is thy God

458

Edwin Hatch, 1835-89.

BREATHE on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Blend all my soul with thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

459 *Part of Hora novissima.**Bernard of Cluny, 12th cent.
Tr. J. M. Neale.*

BRIEF life is here our portion,
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life, is there.

2 For thee, O dear, dear country,
Mine eyes their vigils keep;
For very love, beholding
Thy happy name, they weep.

- 3 There grief is turned to pleasure,
 Such pleasure as below
 No human voice can utter,
 No human heart can know.
- 4* And now we fight the battle,
 But then shall wear the crown
 Of full and everlasting
 And passionless renown.

PART II

- 5* Thou hast no shore, fair ocean!
 Thou hast no time, bright day!
 Dear fountain of refreshment
 To pilgrims far away!
- 6 Strive, man, to win that glory;
 Toil, man, to gain that light;
 Send hope before to grasp it,
 Till hope be lost in sight.
- 7 The morning shall awaken,
 The shadows shall decay,
 And each true-hearted servant
 Shall shine as doth the day.
8. Then all the halls of Sion
 For ay shall be complete,
 And, in the Land of Beauty,
 All things of beauty meet.

See also

198 Jerusalem the golden

460

Bishop R. Mant, 1776-1848.

BRIGHT the vision that delighted
 Once the sight of Judah's seer;
 Sweet the countless tongues united
 To entrance the prophet's ear.

- 2 Round the Lord in glory seated,
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:
- 3 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.'
- 4 Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'
- 5* With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus conspire we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:
- 6.* 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

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William Blake, 1757-1827.

- CAN I see another's woe,
And not be in sorrow too?
Can I see another's grief,
And not seek for kind relief?
- 2 Can I see a falling tear,
And not feel my sorrow's share?
Can a father see his child
Weep, nor be with sorrow filled?

- 3 God doth give his joy to all;
He becomes an infant small,
He becomes a man of woe,
He doth feel the sorrow too.
- 4 Think not thou canst sigh a sigh,
And thy Maker is not by;
Think not thou canst weep a tear,
And thy Maker is not near.
5. O! he gives to us his joy
That our grief he may destroy:
Till our grief is fled and gone,
He doth sit by us and moan.

462 *Johann W. Hey* (1837). *Tr. H. W. Dülcken.* †
Weisst du wie viel Sternlein.

CAN you count the stars that brightly
Twinkle in the midnight sky?
Can you count the clouds, so lightly
O'er the meadows floating by?
God, the Lord, doth mark their number
With his eyes that never slumber;
He hath made them, every one.

2. Do you know how many children
Rise each morning blithe and gay?
Can you count their jolly voices,
Singing sweetly day by day?
God hears all the happy voices,
In their pretty songs rejoices;
And he loves them, every one.

463

J. Cennick, 1718-55.

CHILDREN of the heavenly King,
 As ye journey sweetly sing;
 Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,
 Glorious in his works and ways.

- 2 We are travelling home to God
 In the way the fathers trod;
 They are happy now, and we
 Soon their happiness shall see.
- 3 Fear not, brethren, joyful stand
 On the borders of your land;
 Jesus Christ, your Father's Son,
 Bids you undismayed go on.
4. Lord, obediently we go,
 Gladly leaving all below;
 Only thou our leader be,
 And we still will follow thee.

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*J. Chandler, based on Angularis fundamen-
 tum (190, II), 7th cent.*

CHRIST is our corner-stone:
 On him alone we build;
 With his true saints alone
 The courts of heaven are filled;
 On his great love
 Our hopes we place
 Of present grace
 And joys above.

- 2 O then with hymns of praise
 These hallowed courts shall ring;

Our voices we will raise
The three in One to sing,
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

3 Here, gracious God, do thou
For evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower
On all who pray
Each holy day
Thy blessings pour.

4. Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

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R. Wardlaw, 1779-1853.

CHRIST of all my hopes the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
Still in thee may I be found,
Still for thee my powers employ;
Let thy love my heart inflame,
Keep thy fear before my sight,
Be thy praise my highest aim,
Be thy smile my chief delight.

2. When affliction clouds my sky
 And the wintry tempests blow,
 Let thy mercy-beaming eye
 Sweetly cheer the night of woe;
 When new triumphs of thy name
 Swell the raptured songs above,
 May I feel the kindred flame—
 Full of zeal, and full of love!

466 *Galilee.*

P. Dearmer.

- C**HRISTIAN, do you see him,
 There in Galilee,
 As the people throng him?
 Healer, prophet he!
 Christian, up and follow:
 His the perfect school.
 Learn to make men happy
 By the Golden Rule.
- 2 Christian, do you hear him?
 God would have us glad—
 Watching like a mother
 Over good and bad.
 Christian, learn to succour
 Stranger, friend, or foe;
 Ask but if they need you,
 Then in mercy go.
- 3 Christian, do you heed him?
 'Let your light so shine.'
 Let men in your doings
 Trace the ray divine.
 Christian, share your blessings:
 Thus you show to men
 God the Father's kindness—
 They will worship then.

4 Christian, do you mark him?
‘Ye shall perfect be.’
Follow the ideal
Far as man can see.
Christian, far above you
Truth and Right are set;
Love them for their own sake,
Say, ‘What lack I yet?’

5. Christian, then obey him!
First the Kingdom seek:
God will add the treasure;
He enthrones the meek.
Christian, spurn self-seeking;
Then on you will fall
Happiness of sonship,
Love uniting all.

467

Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871.

CHRISTIAN, seek not yet repose;
Hear thy guardian angel say,
‘Thou art in the midst of foes:
Watch and pray!’

2 Gird thy heavenly armour on,
Wear it ever, night and day;
Ambushed lies the evil one:
Watch and pray!

3 Hear the victors who o’ercame;
Still they mark each warrior’s way;
All with one sweet voice exclaim:
‘Watch and pray!’

4 Hear, above all, hear thy Lord,
 Him thou lovest to obey;
 Hide within thy heart his word:
 'Watch and pray!'

5. Watch, as if on that alone
 Hung the issue of the day;
 Pray, that help may be sent down:
 Watch and pray!

468 *God's City.* *S. Johnson, 1822-82.*

CITY of God, how broad and far
 Outspread thy walls sublime!
 The true thy chartered freemen are
 Of every age and clime.

2 One holy Church, one army strong,
 One steadfast, high intent;
 One working band, one harvest-song,
 One King omnipotent.

3 How purely hath thy speech come down
 From man's primeval youth!
 How grandly hath thine empire grown
 Of freedom, love, and truth!

4 How gleam thy watch-fires through the night
 With never-fainting ray!
 How rise thy towers, serene and bright,
 To meet the dawning day!

5. In vain the surge's angry shock,
 In vain the drifting sands:
 Unharmed upon the eternal Rock
 The eternal City stands.

See also

475 Come now, all people | 615 O thou not made

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G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, 1883-1929.

CLOSE by the heedless worker's side,
 Still patient stands
 The carpenter of Nazareth,
 With piercèd hands
 Outstretched to plead unceasingly
 His love's demands;

2 Longing to pick the hammer up
 And strike a blow;
 Longing to feel his plane swing out,
 Steady and slow,
 The fragrant shavings falling down
 Silent as snow.

3. Because this is my work, O Lord,
 It must be thine;
 Because it is a human task
 It is divine.
 Take me, and brand me with thy cross,
 Thy slave's proud sign.

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P. B. Clayton.

COME, kindred, upstand in the valour of
 Jesus,
 And praise him and plight him the troth of
 true men.

His yoke we are breasting together will ease us
 When back at the pick and the lathe and the
 pen.

2 How honest his harness! O be ye then humble
 To know that he gives us a thing to be done!
 Let us laugh at each set-back, and learn from
 each stumble
 With his hand to help us, his light leading on.

- 3 The mists that lie round us are thinning and
 breaking,
 The road it runs up to the dawn on the hills.
 Trudge on with your tools to your great under-
 taking
 To lighten the burden of Everyman's ills.

PART II

- 4 Trudge on, singing praise for a spirit twice
 gifted
 Through lads in the line from their Lord on
 his tree.
 As strong stars at midnight, his lamp they
 uplifted,
 And strode to their task like tall ships
 running free.
5. We are debtors to them, who with lamps ever
 burning
 Forgather this instant in heed to his call.
 Reunion they bought us by never returning,
 And, homeless, they builded a house for us
 all.

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*Jane Borthwick, 1813-97.***C**OME, labour on!

Who dares stand idle on the harvest
 plain,
 While all around him waves the golden grain,
 And to each servant doth the master say,
 'Go, work to-day'?

- 2 Come, labour on!

Away with gloomy doubt and faithless fear!
 No arm so weak but may do service here:
 By hands the feeblest can our God fulfil
 His righteous will.

- 3 Come, labour on!
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
 'Servant, well done!'
4. Come, labour on!
The toil is pleasant and the harvest sure;
Blessèd are those who to the end endure:
How full their joy, how deep their rest shall be,
 O Lord, with thee!

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I. Watts, 1674-1748.

- COME, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues
 But all their joys are one.
- 2 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
 'To be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
 'For he was slain for us.'
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
 Honour and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give
 Be, Lord, for ever thine.
4. The whole creation join in one
 To bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
 And to adore the Lamb.

473

J. Newton, † 1725-1807.

COME, my soul, thy suit prepare:
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay.

- 2 Thou art coming to a king,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For his grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much.
- 3 Show me, Lord, what I must do;
Every hour my strength renew;
Let me live a life of faith,
Let me die thy people's death.
4. While I am a pilgrim here,
Let thy love my spirit cheer;
Be my guide, my guard, my friend;
Lead me to my journey's end.

474

*The Call.**George Herbert, 1593-1633.*

COME, my way, my truth, my life:
Such a way as gives us breath,
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

- 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.
3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

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A. G.

COME now, all people, keep high mirth,
Let all unite to share it ;
Tell Christ's Good News through all the earth,
Let every creature hear it :
Till all obey the Inner Light,
In each decision choose aright,
And bring to pass God's Kingdom.

2. This is the goal of man's desire,
God's shining joyful City,
Where every tribe and tongue 's afire
With faith and love and pity.
Then let us share all lovely things,
And serve the light; for so each brings
Here on this earth God's Kingdom.

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C. Wesley,† 1707-88.

COME, O thou Traveller unknown,
Whom still I hold, but cannot see;
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with thee;
With thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.

- 2 I need not tell thee who I am,
My misery or sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name;
Look on thy hands, and read it there!
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.

- 3 Yield to me now, for I am weak,
But confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak,
Be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if thy name is Love.
4. 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou died'st for me!
I hear thy whisper in my heart!
The morning breaks, the shadows flee;
Pure universal love thou art;
To me, to all, thy mercies move;
Thy nature and thy name is Love.

477 *Resurrection. J. Hupton (1805), and others.*

- C**OME, ye people, raise the anthem,
Cleave the sky with shouts of praise;
Sing to him, the Good Physician,
Who from death the world doth raise;
Shepherd, Prophet, Word incarnate,
Him the heart of man obeys.
- 2 Lo, for us and our salvation
Hatred, scorn, and death he bore;
He, to bring mankind to freedom,
Died that we might die no more;
Then, arising, showed his glory,
Prince of Life for evermore.
- 3 Now in that celestial country
His the honour, his the might,
'Mid the circling alleluyas
Welling from the sons of light;
He the King and he the Captain,
Victor in the hard-won fight.

4*Bring your harps and bring your incense,
 Sweep the string and sound the lay;
 Let the earth proclaim his 'wonders,
 King of that eternal day;
 He, the Lamb once slain, is risen,
 He was dead, yet lives for ay.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
 Laud and honour to the Son,
 Laud and honour to the Spirit,
 In the Godhead ever one.
 God of life and resurrection,
 Honour, praise, to thee be done.

478 *Hope.*

*P. Gerhardt (1656).
 Tr. C. Winkworth.‡*

Auf den Nebel folgt die Sonn'.

COMETH sunshine after rain,
 After sorrow joy again;
 After storms of bitter grief
 Dawneth God's own sure relief:
 And my soul, who from her height
 Sank to realms of darkest night,
 Wingeth up to heaven her flight.

2 None was ever left a prey,
 None was ever turned away,
 Who had given himself to God,
 And on him had cast his load;
 Who in God his hope hath placed
 Shall not life in sorrow waste;
 Fullest joy he yet shall taste.

- 3 Though to-day may not fulfil
 All your hopes, have patience still,
 For perchance to-morrow's sun
 Sees a happier day begun:
 As God willeth march the hours,
 Bringing joy at last in showers:
 God is ours; all things are ours.
- 4.* So the passing years employ,
 Greeting life and death with joy,
 Till at last you meet the grave
 With a heart still glad and brave.
 Whom the Almighty doth defend,
 Whom the Highest counts his friend,
 Cannot perish in the end.

479 *Confidence.*

*P. Gerhardt, 1607-76.
 Tr. J. Wesley, 1703-91.*

Befiehl du deine Wege.

- COMMIT thou all thy griefs
 And ways into his hands,
 To his sure truth and tender care
 Who earth and heaven commands.
 Who points the clouds their course,
 Whom winds and seas obey,
 He shall direct thy wandering feet,
 He shall prepare thy way.
- 2 No profit canst thou gain
 By self-consuming care;
 To him commend thy cause; his ear
 Attends the softest prayer.
 Through waves, and clouds, and storms,
 He gently clears thy way;
 Wait thou his time; so shall the night
 Soon end in joyous day.

- 3* Leave to his sovran sway
 To choose and to command;
 So shalt thou, wondering, own his way,
 How wise, how strong his hand.
 Far, far above thy thought
 His counsel shall appear,
 When fully he the work hath wrought
 That caused thy needless fear.
4. Father, thy ceaseless truth,
 Thine everlasting love,
 Sees all thy children's wants, and knows
 What best for each will prove.
 Let us, in life, in death,
 Thy steadfast truth declare,
 And publish with our latest breath
 Thy love and guardian care.

480 *Diadems.**A. F.*

- CROWN him upon the throne
 Of justice and of right,
 In him the love of God is shown,
 To shine in human light:
 He reigns, the Son of Man,
 All grace divine is his:
 Pierce through the creeds, his features scan,
 And see him as he is.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of Love,
 And spread his Kingdom wide.
 In him the world shall onward move,
 His love shall be the guide.
 Alone it can prevail
 Above our fears and cares;
 He stands like friends who never fail,
 His faith in us like theirs.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of Peace,
 Whose will, so long undone,
Obeyed shall make all war to cease
 And man to be at one.
 His Realm shall spread like fire;
 For now he stands revealed,
The end of every heart's desire,
 Of each good cause the shield.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of Truth:
 The past he leaves behind
And reigns in his eternal youth,
 And rules the honest mind.
 More light than they could bear
 Who first his message heard,
More light than we can dream or dare,
 Shall break forth from his word.
5. Crown him the Lord, and still
 Press on where he doth lead;
Be strong to do the Father's will:
 Then is he Lord indeed!
 His gospel-life make yours,
 Hold fast his simple way:
One crown we give that bright endures,
 When we his mind obey.

DEAR Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
 In deeper reverence praise.

- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.
- 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.
- 5.* Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

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E. Sherman Oakley.

ENDURING Soul of all our life,
In whom all beings blend,
Unchanging Peace 'mid storm and strife,
Our Parent, Home, and End.

- 2 Through thee the worlds, with all they bear,
Their mighty courses run;
Through thee the heavens are passing fair,
And splendour clothes the sun.
- 3 The thoughts that move the heart of man
And lift his soul on high,
The skill that teaches him to plan
With wondrous subtlety:

- 4 These are thy thoughts, almighty Mind,
 This skill is thine, O Lord,
 Who dost by hidden influence bind
 All powers in sweet accord.
- 5* No noble work was e'er begun
 Which came not first from heaven;
 No loving deed was ever done
 Without thine impulse given.
6. O fill me now, thou living Power,
 With energy divine;
 Thus shall my will from hour to hour
 Become, not mine, but thine.

483 *Ps. 119.*

Y. H.

- E**NTER thy courts, thou word of life,
 My joy and peace;
 Let the glad sound therein be heard,
 Bid plaintive sadness cease.
 Comfort my heart, thou truth most fair;
 O enter in,
 Chasing despair and earthborn care,
 My woe and slothful sin.
- 2 Glad was the time when I would sing
 Thy heavenly praise;
 Happy my heart when thou wert nigh
 Directing all my ways.
 O let thy light, thy joy again
 Return to me;
 Nor in disdain from me refrain,
 Who lift my soul to thee.
3. In heaven and earth thy law endures,
 Thy word abides:
 My troubled flesh trembleth in awe,
 My heart in terror hides.

Yet still on thee my hope is set;
 On thee, O Lord,
 I will await, and not forget
 The promise of thy word.

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Y. H.

ETERNAL Father, who didst all create,
 In whom we live, and to whose bosom move,
 To all men be thy name known, which is
 Love,
 Till its loud praises sound at heaven's high
 gate.

2 Perfect thy Kingdom in our passing state,
 That here on earth thou may'st as well
 approve

Our service, as thou ownest theirs above,
 Whose joy we echo and in pain await.

3 Grant body and soul each day their daily
 bread:

And should in spite of grace fresh woe
 begin,

Even as our anger soon is past and dead
 Be thy remembrance mortal of our sin:

4. By thee in paths of peace thy sheep be led,
 And in the vale of terror comforted.

485

J. W. Chadwick, 1840-1904.

ETERNAL Ruler of the ceaseless round
 Of circling planets singing on their way;
 Guide of the nations from the night profound
 Into the glory of the perfect day;
 Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
 Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

- 2 We are of thee, the children of thy love,
 The brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;
 Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove
 Into our hearts, that we may be as one:
 As one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
 As one with him, our brother and our friend.
- 3 We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
 One in our love of all things sweet and
 fair,
 One with the joy that breaketh into song,
 One with the grief that trembleth into prayer,
 One in the power that makes the children
 free
 To follow truth, and thus to follow thee.
- 4.*O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
 Thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
 Our inspiration be thy constant word;
 We ask no victories that are not thine:
 Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
 Enough to know that we are serving thee.

486

S. P. from Goethe.

EVERYTHING changes,
 But God changes not;
 The power never changes
 That lies in his thought:

*Splendours three, from God proceeding,
 May we ever love them true,
 Goodness, Truth, and Beauty heeding
 Every day, in all we do.*

- 2 Truth never changes,
And Beauty's her dress,
And Good never changes,
Which those two express:
- 3 Perfect together
And lovely apart,
These three cannot wither;
They spring from God's heart:
4. Some things are screening
God's glory below;
But this is the meaning
Of all that we know:

487

Mrs. L. M. Willis (1864), and others.

FATHER, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

- 2 Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.
- 3 Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.
4. Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side

488

Rudyard Kipling.

*Land of our birth, we pledge to thee
Our love and toil in the years to be;
When we are grown and take our place
As men and women with our race.*

FATHER in heaven who lovest all,
O help thy children when they call,
That they may build from age to age
An undefiled heritage.

- 2 Teach us to bear the yoke in youth,
With steadfastness and careful truth;
That in our time thy grace may give
The truth whereby the nations live.
- 3 Teach us to rule ourselves alway,
Controlled and cleanly night and day;
That we may bring, if need arise,
No maimed or worthless sacrifice.
- 4 Teach us to look in all our ends
On thee for judge, and not our friends;
That we, with thee, may walk uncowed
By fear or favour of the crowd.
- 5 Teach us the strength that cannot seek,
By deed or thought, to hurt the weak;
That, under thee, we may possess
Man's strength to comfort man's distress.
6. Teach us delight in simple things,
And mirth that has no bitter springs;
Forgiveness free of evil done,
And love to all men 'neath the sun.

*Land of our birth, our faith, our pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died;
O Motherland, we pledge to thee,
Head, heart, and hand through the years to be!*

489

G. Thring, 1823-1903.

FIERCE raged the tempest o'er the deep,
 Watch did thine anxious servants keep,
 But thou wast wrapped in guileless sleep,
 Calm and still.

- 2 'Save, Lord, we perish!' was their cry,
 'O save us in our agony!'
 Thy word above the storm rose high,
 'Peace, be still.'
- 3 The wild winds hushed; the angry deep
 Sank, like a little child, to sleep;
 The sullen billows ceased to leap,
 At thy will.
4. So, when our life is clouded o'er,
 And storm-winds drift us from the shore,
 Say, lest we sink to rise no more,
 'Peace, be still.'

490

*Tr. J. M. Neale.†**Ζοφεῶς τρικυμίας.*

FIERCE was the wild billow,
 Dark was the night;
 Oars laboured heavily,
 Foam glimmered white;
 Trembled the mariners,
 Peril was nigh:
 Then said the Lord of Lords,
 'Peace! It is I.'

- 2 Ridge of the mountain-wave,
 Lower thy crest!
 Wail of the hurricane,
 Be thou at rest!

Sorrow can never be,
 Darkness must fly,
 Where saith the Light of Light,
 'Peace! It is I.'

3. Jesus, deliverer,
 Near to us be;
 Soothe thou my voyaging
 Over life's sea:
 Thou, when the storm of death
 Roars, sweeping by,
 Whisper, O Truth of Truth,
 'Peace! It is I.'

491

J. S. B. Monsell, 1811-75.

FIGHT the good fight with all thy might,
 Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
 Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Thy joy and crown eternally.

- 2 Run the straight race through God's good
 grace,
 Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
 Life with its way before us lies,
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, upon thy Guide
 Lean, and his mercy will provide;
 Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
4. Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,
 He changeth not, and thou art dear;
 Only believe, and thou shalt see
 That Christ is all in all to thee.

492 *Praise.**H. Bonar, 1808-89.*

FILL thou my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and thy ways.

- 2 Not for the lip of praise alone,
Nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
Of praise in every part:
- 3 Praise in the common words I speak,
Life's common looks and tones,
In intercourse at hearth or board
With my belovèd ones.
- 4 Fill every part of me with praise:
Let all my being speak
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
Poor though I be and weak.
5. So shall no part of day or night
From sacredness be free;
But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with thee.

493

Laurence Binyon.

FOR mercy, courage, kindness, mirth,
There is no measure upon earth:
Nay, they wither, root and stem,
If an end be set to them.

2. Overbrim and overflow,
If your own heart you would know;
For the spirit born to bless
Lives but in its own excess.

494

F. S. Pierpoint, † 1835-1917.

FOR the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

*Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

5.*For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

495

C. Silvester Horne, 1865-1914.

FOR the might of thine arm we bless thee,
our God, our fathers' God;
Thou hast kept thy pilgrim people by the
strength of thy staff and rod;
Thou hast called us to the journey which faith-
less feet ne'er trod;
For the might of thine arm we bless thee, our
God, our fathers' God.

- 2 For the love of Christ constraining, that bound
their hearts as one;
For the faith in truth and freedom in which
their work was done;
For the peace of God's evangel wherewith their
feet were shod;
For the might of thine arm we bless thee, our
God, our fathers' God.
- 3 We are watchers of a beacon whose light must
never die;
We are guardians of an altar that shows thee
ever nigh;
We are children of thy freemen who sleep be-
neath the sod;
For the might of thine arm we bless thee, our
God, our fathers' God.
4. May the shadow of thy presence around our
camp be spread;
Baptize us with the courage thou gavest to our
dead;
O keep us in the pathway their saintly feet have
trod;
For the might of thine arm we bless thee, our
God, our fathers' God.

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*Liturgy of St. James, Tr. C. W. H.**'Απὸ δόξης εἰς δόξαν πορευόμενοι.*

FROM glory to glory advancing, we praise
thee, O Lord;
Thy name with the Father and Spirit be ever
adored.

- 2 From strength unto strength we go forward on
Sion's highway,
To appear before God in the city of infinite
day.
- 3 Thanksgiving, and glory and worship, and
blessing and love,
One heart and one song have the saints upon
earth and above.
4. Evermore, O Lord, to thy servants thy presence
be nigh;
Ever fit us by service on earth for thy service
on high.

497

George Matheson, 1842-1906.

GATHER us in, thou love that fillest all;
Gather our rival faiths within thy fold.
Rend each man's temple-veil and bid it fall,
That we may know that thou hast been of
old;

Gather us in.

- 2 Gather us in: we worship only thee;
In varied names we stretch a common hand;
In diverse forms a common soul we see;
In many ships we seek one spirit-land;
Gather us in.
- 3 Each sees one colour of thy rainbow-light,
Each looks upon one tint and calls it heaven;
Thou art the fullness of our partial sight;
We are not perfect till we find the seven;
Gather us in.

4* Thine is the mystic life great India craves,
Thine is the Parsee's sin-destroying beam,
Thine is the Buddhist's rest from tossing
waves,
Thine is the empire of vast China's dream;
Gather us in.

5* Thine is the Roman's strength without his
pride,
Thine is the Greek's glad world without its
graves,
Thine is Judæa's law with love beside,
The truth that censures and the grace that
saves;
Gather us in.

6. Some seek a Father in the heavens above,
Some ask a human image to adore,
Some crave a Spirit vast as life and love:
Within thy mansions we have all and more;
Gather us in.

498

Y. H.

GIRD on thy sword, O man, thy strength
endue,
In fair desire thine earthborn joy renew.
Live thou thy life beneath the making sun
Till Beauty, Truth, and Love in thee are one.

2 Through thousand ages hath thy childhood
run:
On timeless ruin hath thy glory been:
From the forgotten night of loves fordone
Thou risest in the dawn of hopes unseen.

- 3 Higher and higher shall thy thoughts aspire,
 Unto the stars of heaven, and pass away,
 And earth renew the buds of thy desire
 In fleeting blooms of everlasting day.
4. Thy work with beauty crown, thy life with
 love;
 Thy mind with truth uplift to God above:
 For whom all is, from whom was all begun,
 In whom all Beauty, Truth, and Love are one.

499

Lizette Woodworth Reese.

- G**LAD that I live am I,
 That the sky is blue;
 Glad for the country lanes
 And the fall of dew.
- 2 After the sun the rain,
 After the rain the sun;
 This is the way of life,
 Till the work be done.
3. All that we need to do,
 Be we low or high,
 Is to see that we grow
 Nearer the sky.

500

J. Newton, 1725-1807.

- G**LORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
 Sion, city of our God!
 He whose word cannot be broken
 Formed thee for his own abode:
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 What can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

- 2 See, the streams of living waters,
 Springing from eternal love,
 Well supply thy sons and daughters,
 And all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
 Ever flows their thirst to assuage—
 Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
 Never fails from age to age?
3. Saviour, if of Sion's city
 I, through grace, a member am,
 Let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in thy name:
 Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
 All his boasted pomp and show;
 Solid joys and lasting treasure
 None but Sion's children know.

501

Sarum Primer, 1558.

GOD be in my head,
 And in my understanding;

- 2 God be in mine eyes,
 And in my looking;
- 3 God be in my mouth,
 And in my speaking;
- 4 God be in my heart,
 And in my thinking;
5. God be at mine end,
 And at my departing.

(The pronoun may be changed.)

502

A. F.

GOD is love: his the care,
Tending each, everywhere.

God is love—all is there!

Jesus came to show him,
That mankind might know him:

Sing aloud, loud, loud!

Sing aloud, loud, loud!

God is good!

God is truth! God is beauty! Praise him!

2 None can see God above;
All have here man to love;
Thus may we Godward move,
Finding him in others,
Holding all men brothers:

3 Jesus lived here for men,
Strove and died, rose again,
Rules our hearts, now as then;
For he came to save us
By the truth he gave us:

4.*To our Lord praise we sing—
Light and life, friend and king,
Coming down love to bring,
Pattern for our duty,
Showing God in beauty:

503 *Providence.* W. Cowper, 1731-1800

GOD moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

- 2 Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovran will.
- 3 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.
- 4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.
- 5 His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.
- 6.*Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

504

H. C. Beeching, 1859-1919.

GOD, who created me
Nimble and light of limb,
In three elements free,
To run, to ride, to swim;
Not when the sense is dim,
But now from the heart of joy,
I would remember him:
Take the thanks of a boy.

- 2 Jesus, King and Lord,
 Whose are my foes to fight,
 Gird me with thy sword,
 Swift and sharp and bright;
 Thee would I serve if I might,
 And conquer if I can:
 From day-dawn till night,
 Take the strength of a man.
3. Spirit of love and truth,
 Breathing in grosser clay,
 The light and flame of youth,
 Delight of men in the fray,
 Wisdom in strength's decay;
 From pain, strife, wrong to be free,
 This best gift I pray:
 Take my spirit to thee.

505

*S. P., based on Abp. Trench.***G**OOD cheer!

Let all men know that all men move
 Beneath God's canopy of love,
 As broad as the blue sky above:
 For life is good; doubt, fear, and pain,
 And troubles, all are shadows vain.

2 Good cheer!

All flows, all grows; the darkest way,
 For those who will the Guide obey,
 Shall move unto the perfect day,
 When all that 's hid shall be made plain,
 And death itself will not remain.

3. Good cheer!

We cannot fail who know that love—
Blessing, not cursing—rules above,
And that in this we live and move.

God's Realm must grow, all else must
wane,

And we the Good at last will gain.

506 *The Eternal Spirit. T. T. Lynch, 1818-71.*

GRACIOUS Spirit, dwell with me:

I myself would gracious be,
And with words that help and heal
Would thy life in mine reveal,
And with actions bold and meek
Would for Christ my Saviour speak.

2 Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:

I myself would truthful be,
And with wisdom kind and clear
Let thy life in mine appear,
And with actions brotherly
Speak my Lord's sincerity.

3 Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:

I myself would mighty be,
Mighty so as to prevail
Where unaided man must fail;
Ever by a mighty hope
Pressing on and bearing up.

4. Holy Spirit, dwell with me:

I myself would holy be;
Separate from sin, I would
Choose and cherish all things good;
And whatever I can be,
Give to him who gave me thee.

507 *Charity. Bp. Chr. Wordsworth, 1807-85.*

GRACIOUS Spirit, Holy Ghost,
Taught by thee, we covet most
Of thy gifts at Pentecost,
Holy, heavenly love.

2 Love is kind, and suffers long,
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
Love than death itself more strong;
Therefore give us love.

3 Prophecy will fade away,
Melting in the light of day;
Love will ever with us stay;
Therefore give us love.

4 Faith and hope and love we see,
Joining hand in hand agree;
But the greatest of the three,
And the best, is love.

5. From the overshadowing
Of thy gold and silver wing
Shed on us, who to thee sing,
Holy, heavenly love.

508

*W. Williams, 1717-91
Tr. P. and W. Williams.‡*

Arglwydd arwain trwy'r anialwch.

GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through:
 Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side:
 Songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

509

*Y. H., based on O quam juvat.
C. Coffin (1736).*

- H**APPY are they, they that love God,
 Whose hearts have Christ confest,
Who by his cross have found their life,
 And 'neath his yoke their rest.
- 2 Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,
 When they together sing;
And strong the prayers that bow the ear
 Of heaven's eternal King.
- 3 Christ to their homes giveth his peace,
 And makes their loves his own:
But ah, what tares the evil one
 Hath in his garden sown.
- 4 Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
 Did not its sorrows prove
The path whereby the sheep may find
 The fold of Jesus' love.

5. Then shall they know, they that love him,
How all their pain is good;
And death itself cannot unbind
Their happy brotherhood.

510

W. Cowper, 1731-1800.

- H**ARK, my soul it is the Lord;
'Tis thy saviour, hear his word;
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee:
'Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?
- 2 'I delivered thee when bound,
And, when wounded, healed thy wound;
Sought thee wandering, set thee right,
Turned thy darkness into light.
- 3* 'Can a woman's tender care
Cease towards the child she bare?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
Yet will I remember thee.
- 4 'Mine is an unchanging love,
Higher than the heights above,
Deeper than the depths beneath,
Free and faithful, strong as death.
- 5 'Thou shalt see my glory soon,
When the work of grace is done;
Partner of my throne shalt be;
Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?'
6. Lord, it is my chief complaint
That my love is weak and faint;
Yet I love thee, and adore;
O for grace to love thee more!

511

F. W. H. Myers, 1843-1901.

HARK what a sound, and too divine for
hearing,

Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!

Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?

Is it the music of his people's prayer?

- 2 Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
Surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in his coming who hath sworn, 'I come.'

- 3 This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
Cast at his feet the burden of our care.

4. Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and
through sinning
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

512

I. Watts (1745), and others.

HAST thou not known, hast thou not heard,
That firm remains on high

The everlasting throne of him

Who formed the earth and sky?

Art thou afraid his power shall fail

When comes thy evil day?

And can an all-creating arm

Grow weary or decay?

- 2 He gives the conquest to the weak,
Supports the fainting heart,
And courage in the evil hour
His heavenly aids impart.
His truth for ever stands secure;
He stays the troubled mind,
He saves the oppressed, he feeds the poor,
Pours eyesight on the blind.
3. Mere human power shall fast decay,
And youthful vigour cease;
But they who wait upon the Lord
In strength shall still increase.
They with unwearied feet shall tread
The path of life divine,
With growing ardour onward move,
With growing brightness shine.

513

John Bunyan, 1628-88.

- H**E that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.
- 2 I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave
Because thou savest such.
 3. Fullness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss
Is best from age to age.

514

Richard Baxter,† 1615-91.

HE wants not friends that hath thy love,
And may converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be.

- 2 In the blest fellowship of saints
Is wisdom, safety and delight;
And when my heart declines and faints,
It 's raised by their heat and light.
- 3 As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in the haven meet.
- 4 Still we are centred all in thee,
Members, though distant, of one Head;
In the same family we be,
By the same faith and spirit led.
- 5 Before thy throne we daily meet
As joint-petitioners to thee;
In spirit we each other greet,
And shall again each other see.
- 6.*The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?

515 *Pilgrim Song.**J. Bunyan (1684), and others.*

HE who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.

There 's no discouragement
 Shall make him once relent
 His first avowed intent
 To be a pilgrim.

2 Who so beset him round
 With dismal stories,
 Do but themselves confound—
 His strength the more is.
 No foes shall stay his might,
 Though he with giants fight:
 He will make good his right
 To be a pilgrim.

3. Since, Lord, thou dost defend
 Us with thy Spirit,
 We know we at the end
 Shall life inherit.
 Then fancies flee away!
 I'll fear not what men say,
 I'll labour night and day
 To be a pilgrim.

516

W. Charter Piggott.

HEAVENLY Father, may thy blessing
 Rest upon thy children now,
 When in praise thy name they hallow,
 When in prayer to thee they bow:
 In the wondrous story reading
 Of the Lord of truth and grace,
 May they see thy love reflected
 In the light of his dear face.

2 May they learn from this great story
All the arts of friendliness;
Truthful speech and honest action,
Courage, patience, steadfastness;
How to master self and temper,
How to make their conduct fair;
When to speak and when be silent,
When to do and when forbear.

3. May his spirit wise and holy
With his gifts their spirits bless,
Make them loving, joyous, peaceful,
Rich in goodness, gentleness,
Strong in self-control, and faithful,
Kind in thought and deed; for he
Sayeth, 'What ye do for others
Ye are doing unto me'.

517

Charles Wesley, 1707-88.

HELP us to help each other, Lord,
Each other's cross to bear,
Let each his friendly aid afford
And feel his brother's care.

2 Up into thee, our living head,
Let us in all things grow,
Till thou hast made us free indeed,
And spotless here below.

3. Touched by the loadstone of thy love,
Let all our hearts agree;
And ever toward each other move,
And ever move toward thee.

518 *Village Hymn.**Norman Gale.*

HERE in the country's heart
Where the grass is green,
Life is the same sweet life
As it e'er hath been.

2 Trust in a God still lives,
And the bell at morn
Floats with a thought of God
O'er the rising corn.

3. God comes down in the rain,
And the crop grows tall—
This is the country faith,
And the best of all.

519*W. Canton, 1845-1926*

HOLD thou my hands!
In grief and joy, in hope and fear,
Lord, let me feel that thou art near:
Hold thou my hands!

2 If e'er, by doubts
Of thy good Fatherhood depressed,
I cannot find in thee my rest,
Hold thou my hands!

3 Hold thou my hands—
These passionate hands too quick to smite,
These hands so eager for delight:
Hold thou my hands!

4. And when at length,
With darkened eyes and fingers cold,
I seek some last loved hand to hold,
Hold thou my hands!

520 *The Eternal Spirit. S. Longfellow, 1819-92.*

HOLY Spirit, truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and Inward Light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2 Holy Spirit, love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire.
Perish self in thy pure fire!

3 Holy Spirit, power divine,
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
By thee may I strongly live,
Bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4 Holy Spirit, right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
Be my law, and I shall be
Firmly bound, for ever free.

5* Holy Spirit, peace divine,
Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
Stayed in thy tranquillity.

6.* Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Gladden thou this heart of mine;
In the desert ways I sing,
Spring, O Well, for ever spring!

521 *Ps. 147. Christopher Smart, 1722-71.*

HOSANNA! Music is divine,
When in the praise the psalmists join
And each good heart is warm;
Yea, joy is sweetest so renewed,
And all the rites of gratitude
Are rapture to perform.

- 2 For God is magnitude immense ;
 His prowess is omnipotence
 That knows no date or end,
 His wisdom infinitely great ;
 And all duration, depth and height,
 His mysteries transcend.
- 3*He the blue heaven in beauty shrouds,
 And balances the plummy clouds
 Which for the rain he wrings ;
 He causes the mild dew to drop,
 And grass upon the mountain top
 In tufted verdure springs.
- 4*He laid the verdant turf to graze,
 That earth the due supplies might raise
 Of annual food and wealth ;
 And fragrant herbs and flowers profuse
 The seasons on the field produce
 For pleasure and for health.
- 5.*He shall the broken heart repair,
 And for all sickness and despair
 A cure in Christ provide ;
 And heal the wounded and the bruised,
 His oil into their sores infused,
 And soothing balm applied.
- (Verses 3, 4 and 5 may be sung as a separate hymn.)*

522 *Confidence.* *J. Addison, ‡ 1672-1719.*

HOW are thy servants blest, O Lord!
 How sure is their defence!
 Eternal wisdom is their guide,
 Their help omnipotence.

- 2 In foreign realms and lands remote,
Supported by thy care,
Through burning climes they pass unhurt,
And breathe in tainted air.
- 3 From all their griefs and dangers, Lord,
Thy mercy sets them free,
While in the confidence of prayer
Their souls take hold on thee.
- 4 In midst of dangers, fears, and death,
Thy goodness we'll adore;
And praise thee for thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.
5. Our life, while thou preserv'st that life,
Thy sacrifice shall be;
And death, when death shall be our lot,
Shall join our souls to thee.

523 *Purity.* *W. H. Bathurst, 1796-1877.*

- H**OW blest are they whose hearts are pure,
From guile their spirits free:
To them shall God himself reveal,
His glory they shall see.
- 2 Their simple souls upon his word,
In fullest light of love,
Place all their trust, and ask no more
Than guidance from above.
 - 3 They who in faith, unmixed with doubt,
The engrafted word receive,
Whom the first sign of heavenly power
Persuades, and they believe.

- 4 They, as they walk this painful world,
 See hidden glories rise;
 Our God the sunshine of his love
 Unfolds before their eyes.
5. For them far greater things than these
 Does Christ the Lord prepare,
 Whose bliss no heart of man can reach,
 No human voice declare.

524

Sir H. Wotton, ‡ 1568-1639.

- H**OW happy is he born and taught,
 That serveth not another's will;
 Whose armour is his honest thought,
 And simple truth his utmost skill;
- 2 Whose passions not his masters are;
 Whose soul is still prepared for death,
 Untied unto the world by care
 Of public fame or private breath;
- 3 Who God doth late and early pray
 More of his grace than goods to lend;
 And walks with man from day to day
 As with a brother and a friend.
4. This man is freed from servile bands
 Of hope to rise, or fear to fall;
 Lord of himself, though not of lands;
 And having nothing, yet hath all.

525

*Ps. 84.**J. Milton, 1608-74.*

- H**OW lovely are thy dwellings fair!
 O Lord of Hosts, how dear
 Thy pleasant tabernacles are,
 Where thou dost dwell so near.

- 2 My soul doth long and almost die
Thy courts, O Lord, to see;
My heart and flesh aloud do cry,
O living God, for thee.
- 3 Happy who in thy house reside,
Where thee they ever praise!
Happy whose strength in thee doth bide,
And in their hearts thy ways!
- 4 They journey on from strength to strength
With joy and gladsome cheer,
Till all before our God at length
In Sion do appear.
5. For God, the Lord, both sun and shield,
Gives grace and glory bright;
No good from them shall be withheld
Whose ways are just and right.

526

John Mason, c. 1645-94.

HOW shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?

- 2 Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.

They sing because thou art their sun;
 Lord, send a beam on me;
 For where heaven is but once begun
 There alleluyas be.

3*Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
 In flame it with love's fire;
 Then shall I sing and bear a part
 With that celestial choir.
 I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
 With all my fire and light;
 Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
 Lord, treasure up my mite.

4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
 Which doth all beings keep!
 Thy knowledge is the only line
 To sound so vast a deep.
 Thou art a sea without a shore,
 A sun without a sphere;
 Thy time is now and evermore,
 Thy place is everywhere.

527

J. Newton,† 1725-1807.

HOW sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer's ear!
 It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
 And drives away his fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
 And calms the troubled breast;
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
 And to the weary, rest.

- 3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,
 My shield and hiding-place,
 My never-failing treasury filled
 With boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,
 My prophet, priest, and king,
 My lord, my life, my way, my end,
 Accept the praise I bring.
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
 And cold my warmest thought;
 But when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 6.*Till then I would thy love proclaim
 With every fleeting breath;
 And may the music of thy name
 Refresh my soul in death.

528 *St. Patrick's Breastplate.*
Ascr. to St. Patrick, c. 372-466.
Tr. Mrs. C. F. Alexander.

Λτομπιυζ ινδιυ.

- I** BIND unto myself to-day
 The strong name of the Trinity,
 By invocation of the same,
 The three in One, and One in three.
- 2 I bind unto myself to-day
 The virtues of the star-lit heaven,
 The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
 The whiteness of the moon at even,
 The flashing of the lightning free,
 The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
 The stable earth, the deep salt sea,
 Around the old eternal rocks.

- 3 I bind unto myself to-day
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, his might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, his shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

PART II

- 4 Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Doxology to either part

5. I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same,
The three in One, and One in three,
Of whom all nature hath creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

529

H. Bonar, 1808-89.

I HEARD the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one:
Stoop down, and drink, and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light:
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk
Till travelling days are done.

530 *Trust.* *J. G. Whittier, 1807–92.*

I KNOW not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise;
Assured of this, that life and death
His mercy underlies.

- 2 And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed he will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.

3 And so beside the silent sea
 I wait the muffled oar:
 No harm from him can come to me,
 On ocean or on shore.

4. I know not where his islands lift
 Their fronded palms in air:
 I only know I cannot drift
 Beyond his love and care.

531 *Wealth.* *Lucy Larcom, 1826-93.*

I LEARNED it in the meadow path,
 I learned it on the mountain stairs—
 The best things any mortal hath
 Are those which every mortal shares.

2 The air we breathe, the sky, the breeze,
 The light without us and within,
 Life with its unlocked treasures,
 God's riches are for all to win.

3 The grass is softer to my tread,
 Because it rests unnumbered feet;
 Sweeter to me the wild rose red,
 Because she makes the whole world sweet.

4 And up the radiant peopled way
 That opens into worlds unknown,
 It will be life's delight to say,
 'Heaven is not heaven for me alone.'

5. Wealth won by other's poverty—
 Not such be mine! Let me be blest
 Only in what they share with me,
 And what I share with all the rest.

532 *Peace.**S. Longfellow, 1819-92.*

I LOOK to thee in every need,
And never look in vain;
I feel thy strong and tender love,
And all is well again:
The thought of thee is mightier far
Than sin and pain and sorrow are.

2* Discouraged in the work of life,
Disheartened by its load,
Shamed by its failures or its fears,
I sink beside the road;
But let me only think of thee,
And then new heart springs up in me.

3 Thy calmness bends serene above,
My restlessness to still;
Around me flows thy quickening life,
To nerve my faltering will:
Thy presence fills my solitude;
Thy providence turns all to good.

4. Embosomed deep in thy dear love,
Held in thy law, I stand;
Thy hand in all things I behold,
And all things in thy hand;
Thou leadest me by unsought ways,
And turn'st my mourning into praise.

533

Bishop R. Heber, 1783-1826

I PRAISED the earth, in beauty seen,
With garlands gay of various green;
I praised the sea, whose ample field
Shone glorious as a silver shield;
And earth and ocean seemed to say,
'Our beauties are but for a day.'

- 2 I praised the sun, whose chariot rolled
 On wheels of amber and of gold;
 I praised the moon, whose softer eye
 Gleamed sweetly through the summer sky;
 And moon and sun in answer said,
 'Our days of light are numberèd.'
3. O God, O good beyond compare,
 If thus thy meaner works are fair,
 If thus thy beauties gild the span
 Of ruined earth and sinful man,
 How glorious must the mansion be
 Where thy redeemed shall dwell with thee!

534 *The Supreme Values.*

Thomas Heywood, ‡ c. 1650.

I SOUGHT thee round about, O thou my
 God,
 To find thy abode;
 I said unto the earth, 'Speak, art thou he?'
 She answered me
 She was not; and I asked of creatures all
 In general
 Contained therein: they with one voice proclaim
 That none amongst them challenged such a
 name.

- 2 But now, my God, by thy illumining grace,
 Thy glorious face
 So far forth as thou wilt discovered be,
 Methinks I see;
 And though invisible and infinite
 To human sight,
 Thou in thy Goodness, Beauty, Truth,
 appearest,
 In which to our frail senses thou art nearest.

3. O make us apt to seek and quick to find,
Thou God most kind;
Give us love, hope, and faith in thee to trust,
Thou God most just;
Remit all our offences, we entreat,
Most good, most great;
Grant that our willing though unworthy quest
May through thy grace admit us 'mongst the
blest.

535

W. Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908.

- I**MMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of
days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but nought changeth
thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

536

J. G. Whittier, 1807-92

IMMORTAL love for ever full,
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, for ever whole,
A never-ebbing sea!

2 Our outward lips confess the name,
All other names above;
Love only knoweth whence it came
And comprehendeth love.

3 We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown;

4 But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

5*The healing of his seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

6*Through him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame;
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with his name.

7.*Alone, O Love ineffable,
Thy saving name is given;
To turn aside from thee is hell,
To walk with thee is heaven.

537

John Oxenham.

IN Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find,
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.
- 3 Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North,
All Christly souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.

538

*School-days.**W. Charter Piggott.*

IN our work and in our play,
Jesus, be thou ever near;
Guarding, guiding all the day,
Keep us in thy presence dear.

- 2 Thou, who at thy mother's knee
Learned to hearken and obey,
Then, work done, ran happily
With the children to their play;
- 3 And by Joseph's bench did stand,
Holding his edged tools, as he
Guiding them with skilful hand,
Made a carpenter of thee;

4* Help us, that with eager mind
We may learn both fact and rule,
Patient, diligent and kind
In the comradeship of school.

5 Help us, too, in sport and game
Gallantly to play our part;
Win or lose, to keep the same
Dauntless spirit and brave heart.

6. May we grow like him in grace,
True in mind and pure of soul,
Meeting life with steadfast face,
Run its race and reach the goal.

539

Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916.

IT fell upon a summer day,
When Jesus walked in Galilee,
The mothers from a village brought
Their children to his knee.

2 He took them in his arms, and laid
His hands on each remembered head;
'Suffer these little ones to come
To me,' he gently said.

3 'Forbid them not; unless ye bear
The childlike heart your hearts within,
Unto my Kingdom ye may come,
But may not enter in.'

4 Master, I fain would enter there;
O let me follow thee, and share
Thy meek and lowly heart, and be
Freed from all worldly care.

- 5 Of innocence, and love, and trust,
Of quiet work, and simple word,
Of joy, and thoughtlessness of self,
Build up my life, good Lord.
- 6* All happy thoughts, and gentle ways,
And loving-kindness daily given,
And freedom through obedience gained,
Make in my heart thy heaven.
- 7* O happy thus to live and move!
And sweet this world, where I shall find
God's beauty everywhere, his love,
His good in all mankind.
- 8.* Then, Father, grant this childlike heart,
That I may come to Christ, and feel
His hands on me in blessing laid,
Love-giving, strong to heal.

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E. H.

- J**ESUS, good above all other,
Gentle child of gentle mother,
In a stable born our brother,
Give us grace to persevere.
- 2 Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our King most dear.
- 3 Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.

- 4 Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to man the truth declarest;
Help us all thy truth to hear.
5. Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere!

541 *Unity.* *Charles Wesley, 1707-88.*

- J**ESUS, Lord, we look to thee;
Let us in thy name agree;
Show thyself the Prince of Peace;
Bid our strife for ever cease.
- 2 Make us of one heart and mind,
Courteous, pitiful, and kind,
Lowly, meek, in thought and word,
Altogether like our Lord.
- 3 Let us each for other care,
Each the other's burden bear;
To thy Church the pattern give,
Show how true believers live.
4. Free from anger and from pride,
Let us thus in God abide;
All the depths of love express,
All the height of holiness.

542 *Charles Wesley, 1707-88.*

- J**ESU, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:

Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

- 2 Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.
3. Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
Freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

543

G. R. Prynne, 1818-1903.

JESUS, meek and gentle,
Son of God most high,
Pitying, loving Saviour,
Hear thy children's cry.

- 2 Pardon our offences,
Loose our captive chains,
Break down every idol
Which our soul detains.
- 3 Give us holy freedom,
Fill our hearts with love,
Draw us, holy Jesus,
To the realms above.

- 4 Lead us on our journey,
Be thyself the way
Through terrestrial darkness
To celestial day.
5. Jesus, meek and gentle,
Son of God most high,
Pitying, loving Saviour,
Hear thy children's cry.

544 *Security.*

J. Franck, 1618-77. Tr. C. Winkworth.‡

Jesu, meine Freude.

- J**ESUS, priceless treasure,
Source of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me;
Long my heart hath panted,
Till it well-nigh fainted,
Thirsting after thee.
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb,
I will suffer nought to hide thee,
Ask for nought beside thee.
- 2 In thine arm I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Every heart be quaking,
God dispels our fear;
Sin and hell in conflict fell
With their heaviest storms assail us:
Jesus will not fail us.
3. Hence, all thoughts of sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in:

Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within;
Yea, whate'er we here must bear,
Still in thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

545

I. Watts, 1674-1748.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

- 2 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.
4. Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long amen.

546

Edith Williams.

JESUS, so lowly,
Child of the earth;
Christen me wholly,
Bring me new birth.

- 2 Jesus, so lonely,
Weary and sad,
Teach me that only
Love maketh glad.

- 3 Jesus, so broken,
 Silent and pale:
 Be this the token
 Love will not fail.
4. Jesus, victorious,
 Mighty and free:
 Teach me how glorious
 Death is to be.

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c. 12th cent. Tr. E. Caswall (1858).

Jesu, dulcis memoria.

- J**ESU! the very thought of thee
 With sweetness fills my breast;
 But sweeter far thy face to see
 And in thy presence rest.
- 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
 Nor can the memory find,
 A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
 O saviour of mankind!
- 3 O hope of every contrite heart,
 O joy of all the meek,
 To those who fall, how kind thou art,
 How good to those who seek!
- 4 But what to those who find? Ah! this
 Nor tongue nor pen can show;
 The love of Jesus, what it is
 None but his loved ones know.
- 5 Jesus, our only joy be thou,
 As thou our prize wilt be;
 Jesus, be thou our glory now,
 And through eternity.

PART II

- 6 O Jesus, King most wonderful,
Thou conqueror renowned,
Thou sweetness most ineffable,
In whom all joys are found:
- 7 When once thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine;
Then earthly vanities depart;
Then kindles love divine.
- 8 O Jesus, light of all below,
Thou fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
And all we can desire:
- 9 May every heart confess thy name,
And ever thee adore;
And, seeking thee, itself inflame
To seek thee more and more.
- 10 Thee may our tongues for ever bless,
Thee may we love alone;
And ever in our lives express
The image of thine own.

PART III

- 11 O Jesus, thou the beauty art
Of angel worlds above;
Thy name is music to the heart,
Enchanting it with love.
12. Stay with us, Lord, and with thy light
Illume the soul's abyss;
Scatter the darkness of our night,
And fill the world with bliss.

548 *The Rosy Sequence. (Sarum Gradual, 1527.)*
Cento from Jesu, dulcis memoria (547).
Tr. J. M. Neale† (1854).

JESU! the very thought is sweet!
 In that dear name all heart-joys meet;
 But sweeter than the honey far
 The glimpses of his presence are.

- 2 No word is sung more sweet than this:
 No name is heard more full of bliss:
 No thought brings sweeter comfort nigh,
 Than Jesus, Son of God most high.
- 3 Jesus, the hope of souls forlorn,
 How good to them for sin that mourn;
 To them that seek thee, O how kind;
 But what art thou to them that find?
- 4 Jesus, thou sweetness, pure and blest,
 Truth's fountain, light of souls distressed,
 Surpassing all that heart requires,
 Exceeding all that soul desires!
- 5 No tongue of mortal can express,
 No letters write its blessedness:
 Alone who hath thee in his heart
 Knows, love of Jesus, what thou art.
- 6 I seek for Jesus in repose,
 When round my heart the shadows close;
 Abroad, and when I shut the door,
 I long for Jesus evermore.
- 7 As Mary in the morning gloom
 Sought out her Master at the tomb,
 So now, with love's most earnest cry,
 I seek with heart and not with eye.

- 8 Jesus, to God the Father gone,
Is seated on the heavenly throne;
My heart hath also passed from me,
That where he is there it may be.
9. We follow Jesus now, and raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise,
That he at last may make us meet
With him to gain the heavenly seat.

549 *Cento from Jesu, dulcis memoria (547).*
Pr. Ray Palmer (1859).

JESUS, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to thee again.

- 2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call:
To them that seek thee thou art good,
To them that find thee, all in all.
- 3 We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.
- 4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
5. O Jesus, ever with us stay:
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away;
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

550

Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

JESUS, these eyes have never seen
That radiant form of thine;
The veil of sense hangs dark between
Thy blessed face and mine.

- 2 I see thee not, I hear thee not,
Yet art thou oft with me;
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot
As where I meet with thee.
- 3 Yet, though I have not seen, and still
Must rest in faith alone,
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,
Unseen, but not unknown.
4. When death these mortal eyes shall seal
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending veil shall thee reveal
All glorious as thou art.

551

W. Cowper, 1731-1800.

JESUS, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.

- 2 For thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring thee where they come,
And, going, take thee to their home.
- 3 Dear shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.

4 Here may we prove the power of prayer,
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

5. Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts thine own!

552 *Commonwealth.* Henry Scott Holland,
1847-1918.

JUDGE eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
With thy living fire of judgment
Purge this realm of bitter things:
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of thy wings.

2 Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release,
And the city's crowded clangour
Cries aloud for sin to cease,
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace.

3. Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
Cleave our darkness with thy sword;
Feed the faint and hungry heathen
With the richness of thy word;
Cleanse the body of this empire
Through the glory of the Lord.

553 *Praise.* George Herbert, 1593-1633.

KING of glory, King of peace,
 I will love thee;
 And that love may never cease,
 I will move thee.
 Thou hast granted my request,
 Thou hast heard me;
 Thou didst note my working breast,
 Thou hast spared me.

- 2 Wherefore with my utmost art
 I will sing thee,
 And the cream of all my heart
 I will bring thee.
 Though my sins against me cried,
 Thou didst clear me;
 And alone, when they replied,
 Thou didst hear me.
3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
 I will praise thee;
 In my heart, though not in heaven,
 I can raise thee.
 Small it is, in this poor sort
 To enrol thee:
 E'en eternity's too short
 To extol thee.

554 J. H. Newman, 1801-90.

LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling
 gloom,

 Lead thou me on;
 The night is dark, and I am far from home,
 Lead thou me on.
 Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
 The distant scene: one step enough for me.

- 2 I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Should'st lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.
3. So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost
awhile.

555

J. Edmeston, 1791-1867.

- LEAD us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
All our weakness thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy:
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

556 *Antiphon.* George Herbert, 1593-1633.

LET all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,

His praise may thither fly;

The earth is not too low,

His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,

My God and King!

2. Let all the world in every corner sing,

My God and King!

The Church with psalms must shout,

No door can keep them out;

But, above all, the heart

Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,

My God and King!

(Verse 1 may be repeated.)

557 C. Wesley (1759), and others.

LET saints on earth in concert sing
With those whose work is done;

For all the servants of our King

In earth and heaven are one.

2 One family, we dwell in him,

One Church, above, beneath;

Though now divided by the stream,

The narrow stream of death.

3 One army of the living God,

To his command we bow;

Part of his host hath crossed the flood,

And part is crossing now.

- 4 E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blest,
While others to the margin come,
Waiting their call to rest.
5. Jesus, be thou our constant guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to heaven.

558

Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916.

- LET the whole creation cry,
'Glory to the Lord on high!'
Heaven and earth, awake and sing,
'God is good and therefore King.'
Praise him, all ye hosts above,
Ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, uplift your voice,
Night and stars, in God rejoice!
- 2 Warriors fighting for the Lord,
Prophets burning with his word,
Those to whom the arts belong,
Add their voices to the song.
Kings of knowledge and of law,
To the glorious circle draw;
All who work and all who wait,
Sing, 'The Lord is good and great!'
3. Men and women, young and old,
Raise the anthem manifold,
And let children's happy hearts
In this worship bear their parts;
From the north to southern pole
Let the mighty chorus roll:
Holy, holy, holy One,
Glory be to God alone!

559 *The Spirit.**S. Johnson, 1822-82.*

LIFE of ages, richly poured,
 Love of God, unspent and free,
 Flowing in the prophet's word
 And the people's liberty!

- 2 Never was to chosen race
 That unstinted tide confined:
 Thine are every time and place,
 Fountain sweet of heart and mind;
- 3 Breathing in the thinker's creed,
 Pulsing in the hero's blood,
 Nerving noblest thought and deed,
 Freshening time with truth and good;
- 4 Consecrating art and song,
 Holy book and pilgrim way,
 Quelling strife and tyrant wrong,
 Widening freedom's sacred sway.
5. Life of ages, richly poured,
 Love of God, unspent and free,
 Flowing in the prophet's word
 And the people's liberty!

560

H. Montagu Butler, 1833-1918.

'LIFT up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord,
 to thee;
 Here at thy feet none other may we see:
 'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one
 accord,
 We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

- 2 Above the level of the former years,
The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
The mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of Light, lift all our hearts to-day!
- 3* Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
The deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not
name,
The halting tongue that dares not tell the
whole,
O Lord of Truth, lift every Christian soul!
- 4 Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given;
Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven:
Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming
brain,
Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.
5. Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!', rings pealing in our
ears,
Still shall those hearts respond with full
accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'

561

P. Dearmer.

LO, in the wilderness a voice
'Make straight the way' is crying:
When men are turning from the light,
And hope and love seem dying,
The prophet comes to make us clean:
'There standeth one you have not seen,
Whose voice you are denying.'

- 2 God give us grace to hearken now
To those who come to warn us,
Give sight and strength, that we may kill
The vices that have torn us,
Lest love professed should disappear
In creeds of hate, contempt, and fear,
That crash and overturn us.
3. When from the vineyard cruel men
Cast out the heavenly powers
And Christendom denies its Lord,
The world in ruin cowers.
Now come, O God, in thy great might!
Unchanged, unchanging is thy right,
Unswayed thy justice towers.

562

W. Russell Bowie.

- LORD Christ, when first thou cam'st to men,
Upon a cross they bound thee,
And mocked thy saving kingship then
By thorns with which they crowned thee:
And still our wrongs may weave thee now
New thorns to pierce that steady brow,
And robe of sorrow round thee.
- 2 O awful love, which found no room
In life where sin denied thee,
And, doomed to death, must bring to doom
The power which crucified thee,
Till not a stone was left on stone,
And all a nation's pride, o'erthrown,
Went down to dust beside thee!
- 3 New advent of the love of Christ,
Shall we again refuse thee,
Till in the night of hate and war
We perish as we lose thee?

From old unfaith our souls release
 To seek the Kingdom of thy peace,
 By which alone we choose thee.

4. O wounded hands of Jesus, build
 In us thy new creation;
 Our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,
 We wait thy revelation:
 O love that triumphs over loss,
 We bring our hearts before thy cross,
 To finish thy salvation.

563

Ray Palmer, † 1808-87.

LORD, my weak thought in vain would climb
 To search the starry vault profound;
 In vain would wing her flight sublime,
 To find creation's utmost bound.

- 2 But vainer yet that thought must prove
 To search thy great eternal plan,
 Thy sovran counsels, born of love
 Long ages ere the world began.
- 3 When my dim reason would demand
 Why that, or this, thou dost ordain,
 By some vast deep I seem to stand,
 Whose secrets I must ask in vain.
- 4 When doubts disturb my troubled breast,
 And all is dark as night to me,
 Here, as on solid rock, I rest—
 That so it seemeth good to thee.
5. Be this my joy, that evermore
 Thou rulest all things at thy will;
 Thy sovran wisdom I adore,
 And calmly, sweetly, trust thee still.

564

O. Wendell Holmes, 1809-94.

LORD of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star;
Centre and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!

2 Sun of our life, thy quickening ray
Sheds on our path the glow of day;
Star of our hope, thy softened light
Cheers the long watches of the night.

3 Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,
Our noontide is thy gracious dawn,
Our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;
All, save the clouds of sin, are thine.

4 Lord of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
Before thy ever-blazing throne
We ask no lustre of our own.

5. Grant us thy truth to make us free,
And kindling hearts that burn for thee,
Till all thy living altars claim
One holy light, one heavenly flame.

565

*All-Day Hymn.**Jan Struther.*

LORD of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could
destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of
the day.

- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane
and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon
of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the
day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is
balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of
the day.

566

G. W. Briggs.

LORD of all majesty and might,
Whose presence fills the unfathomed deep,
Wherein uncounted worlds of light
Through countless ages vigil keep;
Eternal God, can such as we,
Frail mortal men, know aught of thee?

- 2 Beyond all knowledge thou art wise,
With wisdom that transcends all thought:
Yet still we seek with straining eyes,
Yea, seek thee as our fathers sought;
Nor will we from the quest depart
Till we shall know thee as thou art.

- 3* Frail though our form, and brief our day,
Our mind has bridged the gulf of years,
Our puny balances can weigh
The magnitude of starry spheres:
Within us is eternity;
Whence comes it, Father, but from thee?
- 4 For, when thy wondrous works we scan,
And Mind gives answer back to mind,
Thine image stands revealed in man;
And, seeking, he shall surely find.
Thy sons, our heritage we claim:
Shall not thy children know thy name?
5. We know in part: enough we know
To walk with thee, and walk aright;
And thou shalt guide us as we go,
And lead us into fuller light,
Till, when we stand before thy throne,
We know at last as we are known.

567

B. R.

LORD of health, thou life within us,
Strength of all that lives and grows,
Love that meets our hearts to win us,
Beauty that around us glows,
Take the praise that brims and flows!

- 2 Praise for all our work and leisure,
Mirth and games and jollity,
Study, science, all the treasure
That is stored by memory,
Skill of mind and hand and eye;

- 3 Praise for joys, for sorrows even,
All that leads us up to thee;
Most of all that out from heaven
Came thy Son to set us free,
Came to show us what to be.
4. May our work be keen and willing;
Make us true to thee and wise;
Help us now, each moment filling,
Skill and service be our prize,
Till to thy far hills we rise.

568

Donald Hankey, 1884-1916.

- LORD of the strong, when earth you trod,
You calmly faced the angry sea,
The fierce unmasked hypocrisy,
The traitor's kiss, the rabble's hiss,
The awful death upon the tree:
All glory be to God.
- 2 Lord of the weak, when earth you trod,
Oppressors writhed beneath your scorn;
The weak, despised, depraved, forlorn,
You taught to hope and know the scope
Of love divine for all who mourn:
All glory be to God.
- 3 Lord of the rich, when earth you trod,
To Mammon's power you never bowed,
But taught how men with wealth endowed
In meekness' school might learn to rule
The demon that enslaves the proud:
All glory be to God.

4 Lord of the poor, when earth you trod,
 The lot you chose was hard and poor;
 You taught us hardness to endure,
 And so to gain through hurt and pain
 The wealth that lasts for evermore:
 All glory be to God.

5.* Lord of us all, when earth you trod,
 The life you led was perfect, free,
 Defiant of all tyranny:
 Now give us grace that we may face
 Our foes with like temerity,
 And glory give to God.

569 *Need.*

Eleanor Farjeon.

LORD, thou who gav'st me all I have,
 My mind's delight, my body's power,
 All that in coming to the grave
 I must let fall like summer's flower,
 One thing thou didst to me accord,
 I still may keep: my need of thee, O Lord.

2 Thou didst that everlasting gift
 Upon my cradled sleep bestow,
 That I in life might never lift
 My head, might nothing do or know
 Which in itself could perfect be,
 Unless, O Lord, I turned my face to thee.

3 No joy wherein thou hast no part,
 Nor love but thou the soul of it,
 Nor grief that shuts thee from its heart,
 Nor suffering that can thee omit.
 From these if thou be absent, I
 To heaven in my need of thee must cry.

4. So, even from my final sleep
When I awake, the single thing
Which I among thy gifts may keep
Shall carry me upon its wing
Into thy presence, where thy word
At last shall fill my need of thee, O Lord.

570

Sir H. W. Baker,† 1821-77.

- LORD, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth
Light and joy receiveth.
- 2 When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.
- 3 When the storms are o'er us
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth
And our way protecteth.
- 4 Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?
- 5 Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.
6. O that we, discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and hear thee,
Evermore be near thee!

571

Sidney Godolphin (cento), 1610-43

LORD, when the wise men came from far,
 Led to thy cradle by a star,
 Shepherds with humble fearfulness
 Walked safely, though their light was less.

- 2 Wise men in tracing Nature's laws
 Ascend unto the highest cause:
 Though wise men better know the way,
 It seems no honest heart can stray.
- 3 And since no creature comprehends
 The Cause of causes, End of ends,
 He who himself vouchsafes to know
 Best pleases his Creator so.
4. There is no merit in the wise
 But love, the shepherds' sacrifice:
 Wise men, all ways of knowledge past,
 To the shepherds' wonder came at last.

572

G. W. Briggs

LORD, who thyself hast bidden us to pray
 For daily bread,
 We ask thee but for grace and strength this day
 Our path to tread.

- 2 Not for to-morrow, its uncharted road,
 Shall be our prayer;
 Sufficient for each day our daily load,
 Thy daily care.
- 3 Thine is the burden of the coming years;
 Their weal or woe,
 Their joys and griefs, their laughter and their
 tears
 We would not know.

- 4 We could not bear to hear complete the tale,
If it were told;
Enough to know thy mercies cannot fail,
Nor love grow cold.
5. So day by day thy never-failing love
Our soul shall stay;
So let us be content thy love to prove,
Each passing day.

573

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

- LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,

Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

574 *The Holy Spirit.*

Y. H. Based on Amor Patris et Filii, 12th cent.

LOVE of the Father, Love of God the Son,
 From whom all came, in whom was all
 begun;

Who formest heavenly beauty out of strife,
 Creation's whole desire and breath of life:

2 Thou the all-holy, thou supreme in might,
 Thou dost give peace, thy presence maketh
 right;

Thou with thy favour all things dost enfold,
 With thine all-kindness free from harm wilt
 hold.

3*Hope of all comfort, splendour of all aid,
 That dost not fail nor leave the heart afraid:
 To all that cry thou dost all help accord,
 The angels' armour, and the saints' reward.

4*Purest and highest, wisest and most just,
 There is no truth save only in thy trust;
 Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams
 recall,
 And bring, through Christ, to him for whom
 are all.

5. Eternal glory, all men thee adore,
 Who art and shalt be worshipped evermore:
 Us whom thou madest, comfort with thy
 might,
 And lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

575

F. L. Hosmer, 1840-1929.

MADE lowly wise, we pray no more
For miracle and sign:
Anoint our eyes to see within
The common, the divine!

- 2 'Lo here, lo there,' no more we cry,
Dividing with our call
The mantle of thy presence, Lord,
That seamless covers all.
- 3 We turn from seeking thee afar
And in unwonted ways,
To build from out our daily lives
The temples of thy praise.
- 4 And if thy casual comings, Lord,
To hearts of old were dear,
What joy should dwell within the faith
That feels thee ever near!
5. And nobler yet shall duty grow,
And more shall worship be,
When thou art found in all our life,
And all our life in thee.

576

George Matheson, 1842-1906.

MAKE me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be.

- 2 I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

- 3 My heart is weak and poor
 Until it master find:
 It has no spring of action sure,
 It varies with the wind:
- 4 It cannot freely move
 Till thou hast wrought its chain;
 Enslave it with thy matchless love,
 And deathless it shall reign.
- 5 My will is not my own
 Till thou hast made it thine;
 If it would reach a monarch's throne
 It must its crown resign;
6. It only stands unbent
 Amid the clashing strife,
 When on thy bosom it has leant
 And found in thee its life.

577

S. P.

- M**ERCY thou art, Creator, Friend!
 O make me brave within,
 Unselfish, wise, compassionate,
 Gentle when others sin.
- 2 Teach me who bears the name of Christ
 The truth to seek and hold;
 From sect and party keep me free,
 From judgment overbold.
- 3 To all perversion close my ears;
 Keep me from love of gain;
 The Pharisee within me curb,
 The Christ in me sustain.
- 4 Dark thoughts and cruel fade away
 Before thy beauty, Friend;
 Unwise and bitter words and deeds,
 And baseness, come to end.

- 5 When I in others evil find,
The evil 's here, not there;
And when myself I rightly judge,
All other things seem fair.
6. My fault the bitterness within,
The sweetness is of thee:
Thou art the perfect one, O God—
Would I might perfect be!

578 *The Battle Song.* *Mrs. Julia Ward Howe,*
1819-1910.

MINE eyes have seen the glory of the
coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the
grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his
terrible swift sword:
His Truth is marching on.

2*I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred
circling camps;
They have builded him an altar in the evening
dews and damps;
I have read his righteous sentence by the dim
and flaring lamps:
His Day is marching on.

3*I have read a fiery gospel, writ in burnished
rows of steel:
'As ye deal with my contemners, so with you
my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero born of woman crush the serpent
with his heel,
Since God is marching on.'

- 4 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall
never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his
judgment-seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant,
my feet!
Our God is marching on.
- 5 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across
the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you
and me;
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make
men free,
While God is marching on.
6. He is coming like the glory of the morning on
the wave;
He is wisdom to the mighty, he is succour to
the brave;
So the world shall be his footstool, and the soul
of time his slave:
Our God is marching on.

579 *Rest.*

Eleanor Farjeon.

- M**ORE lovely than the noonday rest
In summer heat,
When the warm earth gives every guest
A welcome sweet,
Is that content by which I am possessed
When I am laid at my Creator's feet.
- 2 More wonderful than rest at night,
When heaven charms
Slumber with spells whose starry light
Allays alarms,

Is that repose which covers sense and sight
When I am held in my Creator's arms.

3. More perfect than the ease can be
When old ones rest,
Or than the sleep of infancy
Before life's test,
Is that last breath of peace which falls on me
When I am cast on my Creator's breast.

580

Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

MY faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!

Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.

- 2 May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then in love
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

581

F. W. Faber, ‡ 1814-63.

- M**Y God, how wonderful thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!
- 2 How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
By shining spirits day and night
Incessantly adored!
- 3 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.
- 4 No earthly father loves like thee,
No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done
With me thy wilful child.
5. How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity!

582

A. A. Procter, ‡ 1825-64.

MY God, I thank thee who hast made
The earth so bright;
So full of splendour and of joy,
Beauty and light;
So many glorious things are here,
Noble and right.

2 I thank thee, too, that thou hast made
Joy to abound;
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
Circling us round,
That on the darkest spot on earth
Some love is found.

3. I thank thee, Lord, that here our souls,
Though amply blest,
Can never find, although they seek,
A perfect rest;
Nor ever shall, until they reach
The last and best.

583

Frederick Mann, 1846-1928

MY God, my Father, make me strong,
When tasks of life seem hard and long,
To greet them with this triumph song :
Thy will be done.

2 Draw from my timid eyes the veil,
To show, where earthly forces fail,
Thy power and love must still prevail,
Thy will be done.

3 With confident and humble mind,
Freedom in service I would find,
Praying through every toil assigned,
Thy will be done.

- 4 Things deemed impossible I dare,
Thine is the call and thine the care,
Thy wisdom shall the way prepare,
Thy will be done.
- 5 All power is here and round me now,
Faithful I stand in rule and vow,
While 'tis not I, but ever thou :
Thy will be done.
6. Heaven's music chimes the glad days in,
Hope soars beyond death, pain, and sin,
Faith shouts in triumph, Love must win,
Thy will be done.

584

Y. H., based on I. Watts.

MY Lord, my Life, my Love,
To thee, to thee I call;

I cannot live if thou remove:
Thou art my joy, my all.

- 2 My only sun to cheer
The darkness where I dwell;
The best and only true delight
My song hath found to tell.
- 3 To thee in very heaven
The angels owe their bliss;
To thee the saints, whom thou hast called
Where perfect pleasure is.
- 4 And how shall man, thy child,
Without thee happy be,
Who hath no comfort nor desire
In all the world but thee?
5. Return, my Love, my Life,
Thy grace hath won my heart;
If thou forgive, if thou return,
I will no more depart.

585

Henry Vaughan the Silurist, 1622-95.

MY soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a wingèd sentry
All skilful in the wars:

2 There above noise, and danger,
Sweet peace sits crowned with smiles,
And one born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.

3 He is thy gracious friend,
And—O my soul, awake!—
Did in pure love descend,
To die here for thy sake.

4 If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flower of peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress and thy ease.

5. Leave then thy foolish ranges,
For none can thee secure
But one, who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

586

Mrs. Sarah F. Adams, 1805-48.

NEARER, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song would be,
'Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!'

- 2 Though, like the wanderer,
 The sun gone down,
 Darkness be over me,
 My rest a stone;
 Yet in my dreams I'd be
 Nearer, my God, to thee,
 Nearer to thee.
- 3 There let the way appear
 Steps unto heaven;
 All that thou send'st to me
 In mercy given,
 Angels to beckon me
 Nearer, my God, to thee,
 Nearer to thee.
- 4* Then, with my waking thoughts
 Bright with thy praise,
 Out of my stony griefs
 Beth-el I'll raise;
 So by my woes to be
 Nearer, my God, to thee,
 Nearer to thee.
- 5.* Or if on joyful wing
 Cleaving the sky,
 Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
 Upwards I fly,
 Still all my song shall be,
 'Nearer, my God, to thee,
 Nearer to thee!"

587

T. Campian, 1567-1620

NEVER weather-beaten sail more willing
 bent to shore,
 Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber
 more,

Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out
of my troubled breast.

O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my
soul to rest.

2. Ever blooming are the joys of heaven's high
paradise,

Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour
dims our eyes;

Glory there the sun outshines, whose beams the
blessèd only see;

O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my
sprite to thee.

588 *Faith.* *Emily Brontë, 1818-48.*

NO coward soul is mine,
No trembler in the world's storm-troubled
sphere:

I see heaven's glories shine,
And faith shines equal, arming me from fear.

2 O God within my breast,
Almighty, ever-present Deity!
Life—that in me has rest,
As I, undying Life, have power in thee!

3* Vain are the thousand creeds
That move men's hearts—unutterably vain,
Worthless as withered weeds,
Or idlest froth amid the boundless main,

4* To waken doubt in one
Holding so fast by thine infinity;
So surely anchored on
The steadfast rock of immortality.

- 5 With wide-embracing love
Thy spirit animates eternal years,
Pervades and broods above,
Changes, sustains, dissolves, creates, and rears.
- 6 Though earth and man were gone,
And suns and universes ceased to be,
And thou were left alone,
Every existence would exist in thee.
7. There is not room for death,
Nor atom that his might could render void:
Thou—thou art Being and Breath,
And what thou art may never be destroyed.

589 *Transfiguration. F. L. Hosmer, 1840-1929.*

- N**OT always on the mount may we
Rapt in the heavenly vision be;
The shores of thought and feeling know
The Spirit's tidal ebb and flow.
- 2 'Lord, it is good abiding here,'
We cry, the heavenly presence near:
The vision vanishes, our eyes
Are lifted into vacant skies.
- 3 Yet hath one such exalted hour
Upon the soul redeeming power,
And in its strength through after days
We travel our appointed ways;
- 4 Till all the lowly vale grows bright,
Transfigured in remembered light,
And in untiring souls we bear
The freshness of the upper air.

5. The mount for vision: but below
The paths of daily duty go,
And nobler life therein shall own
The pattern on the mountain shown.

590

Sir Edmund Gosse, 1849-1928.

- NOT with a choir of angels without number,
And noise of lutes and lyres,
But gently, with the woven veil of slumber
Across thine awful fires,
We yearn to watch thy face, serene and tender,
Melt, smiling, calm and sweet,
Where round the print of thorns, in thornlike
splendour,
Transcendent glories meet.
- 2 We have no hopes if thou art close beside us,
And no profane despairs,
Since all we need is thy great hand to guide us,
Thy heart to take our cares;
For us is no to-day, to-night, to-morrow,
No past time nor to be,
We have no joy but thee, there is no sorrow,
No life to live but thee.

PART II

- 3 The cross, like pilgrim warriors, we follow,
Led by our eastern star;
The wild crane greets us, and the wandering
swallow
Bound southward for Shinar;
All night that single star shines bright above
us;
We go with weary feet,
But in the end we know are they who love us,
Whose pure embrace is sweet.

- 4 Most sweet of all, when dark the way and
moonless,
To feel a touch, a breath,
And know our weary spirits are not tuneless,
Our unseen goal not death;
To know that thou, in all thy old sweet
fashion,
Art near us to sustain!
We praise thee, Lord, by all thy tears and
passion,
By all thy cross and pain.
5. For when this night of toil and tears is over,
Across the hills of spice,
Thyself wilt meet us, glowing like a lover
Before love's paradise;
There are the saints, with palms and hymns
and roses,
And, better still than all,
The long, long day of bliss that never closes,
Thy marriage festival!

591 *Truth.* *Ernest Myers, 1844-1921.*

NOW in life's breezy morning,
Here on life's sunny shore,
To all the powers of falsehood
We vow eternal war:

- 2 Eternal hate to falsehood;
And then, as needs must be,
O Truth, O lady peerless,
Eternal love to thee.

- 3 All fair things that seem true things,
Our hearts shall ay receive,
Not over-quick to seize them,
Nor over-loath to leave;
- 4 Not over-loath or hasty
To leave them or to seize,
Not eager still to wander,
Nor clinging still to ease.
5. But one vow links us ever,
That whatso'er shall be,
Nor life nor death shall sever
Our souls, O Truth, from thee.

592 *Fellowship.**P. Dearmer.*

NOW join, ye comrades true!
Praise God with praises due,
And take the grip of fellowship,
God's praises to renew.
Let pipes advance, with strings and dance!
Hurrah! We raise our song
For Christ, who came with heart aflame
To tell God's name, his Realm proclaim,
And triumph over wrong!

2. Then set with deeds your song,
Fit descant to belong
To songs of praise, in these our days
Which need the brave and strong.
God give us worth to serve on earth,
Till earth like heaven shall grow;
God give us might to do the right,
In him unite, all ills to smite,
And serve him here below!

593 *The Everlasting Mercy.* *John Masefield.*

- O** CHRIST who holds the open gate,
O Christ who drives the furrow straight,
O Christ, the plough, O Christ, the laughter
Of holy white birds flying after,
- 2 Lo, all my heart's field red and torn,
And thou wilt bring the young green corn,
The young green corn divinely springing,
The young green corn for ever singing;
- 3 And when the field is fresh and fair
Thy blessèd feet shall glitter there,
And we will walk the weeded field,
And tell the golden harvest's yield,
4. The corn that makes the holy bread
By which the soul of man is fed,
The holy bread, the food unpriced,
Thy everlasting mercy, Christ.

594 *Trust.* *W. H. Bathurst, 1796-1877.*

- O** FOR a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe,
- 2 That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain,
Can lean upon its God;
- 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without,
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt;

- 4 A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last spark is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up a dying bed!
5. Lord, give me such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
I taste even now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

595

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

- O FOR a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus—the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!
5. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name.

596

P. Doddridge (1736), and others.

O GOD of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:

- 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.
- 3 Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.
4. O spread thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

597 *Truth.**Thomas Hughes, 1822-96.*

O GOD of truth, whose living word
Upholds whate'er hath breath,
Look down on thy creation, Lord,
Enslaved by sin and death.

- 2 Set up thy standard, Lord, that we,
Who claim a heavenly birth,
May march with thee to smite the lies
That vex thy groaning earth.
- 3* Ah! would we join that blest array
And follow in the might
Of him, the faithful and the true,
In raiment clean and white!

- 4 We fight for truth? we fight for God?
Poor slaves of lies and sin!
He who would fight for thee on earth
Must first be true within.
- 5 Then, God of truth, for whom we long,
Thou who wilt hear our prayer,
Do thine own battle in our hearts
And slay the falsehood there.
6. Yea, come! Then, tried as in the fire,
From every lie set free,
Thy perfect truth shall dwell in us,
And we shall live in thee.

See also

673 Thou long disowned

598 *Ps. 90.* *I. Watts,† 1674-1748.*

- O** GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

599

J. M. Neale, 1818-66.

- O HAPPY band of pilgrims
If onward ye will tread
With Jesus as your fellow
To Jesus as your Head!
- 2 O happy if ye labour
As Jesus did for men;
O happy if ye hunger
As Jesus hungered then!
- 3* The faith by which ye see him,
The hope in which ye yearn,
The love that through all troubles
To him alone will turn,
- 4* What are they but forerunners
To lead you to his sight?
What are they save the effluence
Of uncreated Light?
- 5 The trials that beset you,
The sorrows ye endure,
The manifold temptations
That death alone can cure,

6 What are they but his jewels
Of right celestial worth?
What are they but the ladder
Set up to heaven on earth?

7. O happy band of pilgrims,
Look upward to the skies,
Where such a light affliction
Shall win you such a prize!

600

E. Allison Peers.

O HEAVENLY Beauty, lovelier far
Than any beauty we can know,
On starriest night thou fairest star,
Thou light most glorious from below,
Thou hidden world with radiant glow!

2 O heavenly Truth, that here dost shine,
A beacon-light our path to guide,
Set by a hand unseen, divine,
To all revealed, to none denied,
On high, yet ever at our side!

3 Beacon ahead and star above:
To such as journey both are one—
One, too, with mystic fire of love,
Consuming flame that stays for none—
For all are kindled by a Sun.

4. Lord God of light, no strength have we
To walk securely on our way,
But our desires are known to thee:
By beacon, then, and star, we pray,
Lead us through night to glorious day.

601 *The Eternal Spirit.* *P. Dearmer.*

- O HOLY Spirit, God,
All loveliness is thine;
Great things and small are both in thee,
The star-world is thy shrine.
- 2 The sunshine thou of God,
The life of man and flower,
The wisdom and the energy
That fills the world with power.
- 3 Thou art the stream of love,
The unity divine;
Good men and true are one in thee,
And in thy radiance shine.
- 4 The heroes and the saints
Thy messengers became;
And all the lamps that guide the world
Were kindled at thy flame.
- 5 The calls that come to us
Upon thy winds are brought;
The light that gleams beyond our dreams
Is something thou hast thought.
6. Give fellowship, we pray,
In love and joy and peace,
That we in counsel, knowledge, might,
And wisdom, may increase.

(For a Doxology see 417.)

602 *Assembly.* *S. Longfellow, 1819-92.*

- O LIFE that makest all things new,
The blooming earth, the thoughts of men:
Our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew,
In gladness hither turn again.

- 2 From hand to hand the greeting flows,
From eye to eye the signals run,
From heart to heart the bright hope glows ;
The seekers of the light are one :
- 3 One in the freedom of the truth,
One in the joy of paths untrod,
One in the soul's perennial youth,
One in the larger thought of God :
4. The freer step, the fuller breath,
The wide horizon's grander view,
The sense of life that knows no death—
The life that maketh all things new !

603

J. G. Whittier, 1807-92.

- O** LORD and Master of us all,
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own thy sway, we hear thy call,
We test our lives by thine.
- 2 Thou judgest us ; thy purity
Doth all our lusts condemn ;
The love that draws us nearer thee
Is hot with wrath to them ;
 - 3 Our thoughts lie open to thy sight ;
And naked to thy glance
Our secret sins are in the light
Of thy pure countenance.
 - 4 Yet weak and blinded though we be
Thou dost our service own ;
We bring our varying gifts to thee,
And thou rejectest none.
 - 5 To thee our full humanity,
Its joys and pains belong ;
The wrong of man to man on thee
Inflicts a deeper wrong.

6. Who hates, hates thee; who loves, becomes
 Therein to thee allied:
 All sweet accords of hearts and homes
 In thee are multiplied.

604 *Peace.* *J. Anstice, † 1808-36.*

O LORD, how happy should we be
 If we could cast our care on thee,
 If we from self could rest;
 And feel at heart that one above,
 In perfect wisdom, perfect love,
 Is working for the best.

- 2 Could we but kneel, and cast our load,
 E'en while we pray, upon our God,
 Then rise with lightened cheer;
 Sure that the Father, who is nigh
 To still the famished raven's cry,
 Is greater than our fear.
3. Lord, make these faithless hearts of ours
 Such lessons learn from birds and flowers:
 Make them from self to cease;
 Leave all things to a Father's will,
 And taste, before him lying still,
 E'en in affliction, peace.

605 *Ps. 139.* *Sir Philip Sidney, 1554-86, and
 Mary, Lady Pembroke, 1561-1621.*

O LORD, in me there lieth nought
 But to thy search revealèd lies;
 For when I sit
 Thou markest it,
 No less thou notest when I rise;
 The closest closet of my thought
 Hath open windows to thine eyes.

- 2 Thou walkest with me when I walk;
When to my bed for rest I go,
I find thee there,
And everywhere;
Not youngest thought in me doth grow,
No, not one word I cast to talk,
But, yet unuttered, thou dost know.
3. Do thou thy best, O secret night,
In sable veil to cover me;
The sable pall
Shall vainly fall,
With day unmasked my night shall be:
For night is day and darkness light,
O Father of all lights, to thee.

606 *Knowledge.* E. H. Plumptre, 1821-91.

- O LORD of hosts, all heaven possessing,
Behold us from thy sapphire throne.
In doubt and darkness dimly guessing,
We might thy glory half have known;
But thou in Christ hast made us thine,
And on us all thy beauties shine.
- 2 Illumine all, disciples, teachers,
Thy law's deep wonders to unfold;
With reverent hand let wisdom's preachers
Bring forth their treasures, new and old;
Let oldest, youngest, find in thee
Of truth and love the boundless sea.
- 3 Let faith still light the lamp of science,
And knowledge pass from truth to truth,
And wisdom, in its full reliance,
Renew the primal awe of youth;
So holier, wiser, may we grow,
As time's swift currents onward flow.

- 4.* Bind thou our life in fullest union
 With all thy saints from sin set free;
 Uphold us in that blest communion
 Of all thy saints on earth with thee;
 Keep thou our souls, or there, or here,
 In mightiest love, that casts out fear.

See also

452 Before thy feet

| 567 Lord of health

607

H. Bonar, † 1808-89.

- O LOVE of God, how strong and true,
 Eternal, and yet ever new,
 Uncomprehended and unbought,
 Beyond all knowledge and all thought!
- 2* O heavenly love, how precious still,
 In days of weariness and ill,
 In nights of pain and helplessness,
 To heal, to comfort, and to bless!
- 3 O wide-embracing, wondrous love,
 We read thee in the sky above;
 We read thee in the earth below,
 In seas that swell and streams that flow.
- 4 We read thee in the flowers, the trees,
 The freshness of the fragrant breeze,
 The songs of birds upon the wing,
 The joy of summer and of spring.
- 5 We read thee best in him who came
 And bore for us the cross of shame,
 Sent by the Father from on high,
 Our life to live, our death to die.
6. O love of God, our shield and stay
 Through all the perils of our way;
 Eternal love, in thee we rest,
 For ever safe, for ever blest.

608

J. Scheffler, 1624-77. Tr. C. Winkworth.‡

Liebe die du mich zum Bilde.

O LOVE who formest me to wear
 The image of thy Godhead here;
 Who seekest me with tender care
 Through all my wanderings wild and drear:

*O Love, I give myself to thee,
 Thine ever, only thine to be.*

2 O Love, who once in time wast slain,
 Pierced through and through with bitter
 woe;

O Love, who wrestling thus didst gain
 That we eternal joy might know:

3 O Love, of whom is truth and light,
 The Word and Spirit, life and power,
 Whose heart was bared to them that smite,
 To shield us in our trial hour:

4.*O Love, who lovest us for ay,
 Who for our souls dost ever plead;
 O Love, who showest us the way,
 Whose power sufficeth in our stead:

609

A. G

O SING to the Lord now, his greatness
 Conceive, and with praises draw nigh;
 His energy worketh in all things,
 His wisdom reigns watching on high;
 The arms everlasting are round us,
 From sorrow and pain to release;
 For God is our refuge eternal,
 Our haven and heaven of peace.

2. Thou infinite joy and resplendence,
 Thou centre of wisdom and might,
 Unfathomed thou art and unbounded;
 We lift up our hearts to thy height.
 Forgetting our fears we look upward:
 Thy love shall all phantoms dispel;
 For lo, thou art love and love only,
 And in thy fulfilment we dwell.

610

J. G. Whittier, 1807-92.

- O** SOMETIMES gleams upon our sight,
 Through present wrong, the eternal right;
 And step by step since time began
 We see the steady gain of man:
- 2 That all of good the past hath had
 Remains to make our own time glad,
 Our common daily life divine,
 And every land a Palestine.
- 3 Through the harsh noises of our day
 A low sweet prelude finds its way;
 Through clouds of doubt and creeds of fear,
 A light is breaking calm and clear.
4. Henceforth my heart shall sigh no more
 For olden time and holier shore:
 God's love and blessing, then and there,
 Are now, and here, and everywhere.

611

Frank Fletcher.

- O** SON of man, our hero strong and tender,
 Whose servants are the brave in all the
 earth,
 Our living sacrifice to thee we render,
 Who sharest all our sorrow, all our mirth.

- 2 O feet so strong to climb the path of duty,
O lips divine that taught the words of truth,
Kind eyes that marked the lilies in their beauty,
And heart that kindled at the zeal of youth.
- 3 Lover of children, boyhood's inspiration,
Of all mankind the servant and the king,
O Lord of joy and hope and consolation,
To thee our fears and joys and hopes we
bring.
4. Not in our failures only and our sadness,
We seek thy presence, comforter and friend;
O rich man's guest, be with us in our gladness!
O poor man's mate, our lowliest tasks
attend!

612

John Sterling, 1806-44.

- O SOURCE divine, and life of all,
The fount of being's wondrous sea!
Thy depth would every heart appal
That saw not love supreme in thee.
- 2 We shrink before thy vast abyss,
Where worlds on worlds eternal brood;
We know thee truly but in this—
That thou bestowest all our good.
 - 3 And so, 'mid boundless time and space,
O grant us still in thee to dwell,
And through the ceaseless web to trace
Thy presence working all things well.
 - 4 Nor let thou life's delightful play
Thy truth's transcendent vision hide;
Nor strength and gladness lead astray
From thee, our nature's only guide.

5. Bestow on every joyous thrill
Thy deeper tones of reverent awe;
Make pure thy children's erring will,
And teach their hearts to love thy law.

613 *S. T. Coleridge, 1772-1834, and another.*

O SWEETER than the marriage-feast,
'Tis sweeter far to me,
To walk together to the kirk
With a goodly company;

- 2 To walk together to the kirk,
And all together pray:
Old men and babes and loving friends
And youths and maidens gay.

- 3 He prayeth well, who loveth well
Both man and bird and beast;
And he that loveth all God made
That man he prayeth best.

4. He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us
He made and loveth all.

614 *F. L. Hosmer, 1840-1929.*

O THOU in all thy might so far,
In all thy love so near,
Beyond the range of sun and star,
And yet beside us here:

- 2 What heart can comprehend thy name,
Or searching find thee out,
Who art within, a quickening flame,
A presence round about?
- 3 Yet though I know thee but in part,
I ask not, Lord, for more;
Enough for me to know thou art,
To love thee, and adore.
4. And dearer than all things I know
Is childlike faith to me,
That makes the darkest way I go
An open path to thee.

615 *God's City.* *F. T. Palgrave, 1824-97.*

- O** THOU not made with hands,
Not throned above the skies,
Nor walled with shining walls,
Nor framed with stones of price,
More bright than gold or gem,
God's own Jerusalem!
- 2 Where'er the gentle heart
Finds courage from above;
Where'er the heart forsook
Warms with the breath of love;
Where faith bids fear depart,
City of God, thou art.
 - 3 Thou art where'er the proud
In humbleness melts down;
Where self itself yields up;
Where martyrs win their crown;
Where faithful souls possess
Themselves in perfect peace;

- 4 Where in life's common ways
 With cheerful feet we go;
 Where in his steps we tread,
 Who trod the way of woe;
 Where he is in the heart,
 City of God, thou art.
- 5.*Not throned above the skies,
 Nor golden-walled afar,
 But where Christ's two or three
 In his name gathered are,
 Be in the midst of them,
 God's own Jerusalem!

See also

468 City of God

| 475 Come now, all people

616 *The Eternal Spirit.*

A. Mary F. Robinson (Madame Duclaux).

- O THOU that movest all, O Power
 That bringest life where'er thou art,
 O breath of God in star and flower,
 Mysterious aim of soul and heart:
 Within the thought that cannot grasp thee
 In its unfathomable hold,
 We worship thee, who may not clasp thee,
 O God, unreckoned and untold!
- 2 O source and sea of love, O Spirit
 That makest every soul akin,
 O Comforter whom we inherit,
 We turn and worship thee within!
 To give beyond all dreams of giving,
 To lose ourselves as thou in us,
 We long; for thou, O Fount of Living,
 Art lost in thy creation thus.

PART II

- 3 The mass of unborn matter knew thee,
And lo! the splendid silent sun
Sprang out to be a witness to thee
Who art the All, who art the One;
The airy plants unseen that flourish
Their floating strands of filmy rose,
Too small for sight, are thine to nourish;
For thou art all that breathes and grows.
- 4 Thou art the ripening of the fallows,
The swelling of the buds in rain;
Thou art the joy of birth that hallows
The rending of the flesh in twain;
O Life, O Love, how undivided
Thou broodest o'er this world of thine,
Obscure and strange, yet surely guided
To reach a distant end divine!
- 5 We know thee in the doubt and terror
That reels before the world we see;
We knew thee in the faiths of error;
We know thee most who most are free.
This phantom of the world around thee
Is vast, divine, but not the whole:
We worship thee, and we have found thee
In all that satisfies the soul.

Conclusion, for either Part

6. How shall we serve, how shall we own thee,
O breath of love and life and thought?
How shall we praise, who are not shown thee?
How shall we serve, who are as nought?
Yet, though thy worlds maintain unbroken
The silence of their awful round,
A voice within our souls hath spoken,
And we who seek have more than found.

617

Francis Thompson, 1859-1907

O WORLD invisible, we view thee,
 O world intangible, we touch thee,
 O world unknowable, we know thee,
 Inapprehensible, we clutch thee!

- 2 Does the fish soar to find the ocean,
 The eagle plunge to find the air—
 That we ask of the stars in motion
 If they have rumour of thee there?
- 3 Not where the wheeling systems darken,
 And our benumbed conceiving soars!
 The drift of pinions, would we hearken,
 Beats at our own clay-shuttered doors.
- 4 The angels keep their ancient places:
 Turn but a stone, and start a wing!
 'Tis ye, 'tis your estrangèd faces,
 That miss the many-splendoured thing.
- 5.*Yea, in the night, my soul, my daughter,
 Cry—clinging heaven by the hems;
 And lo, Christ walking on the water
 Not of Gennesareth, but Thames!

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*Ps. 104.**Sir Robert Grant, † 1779-1838.*

O WORSHIP the King
 All glorious above;
 O gratefully sing
 His power and his love:
 Our shield and defender,
 The ancient of days,
 Pavilioned in splendour,
 And girded with praise.

- 2 O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.
- 5* Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust,
Nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
How firm to the end!
Our maker, defender,
Redeemer, and friend!

6. O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.

619

*H. Kirke White (1806), and
others (1812-33).*

- OFt in danger, oft in woe,
Onward, Christians, onward go;
Bear the toil, maintain the strife,
Strengthened with the Bread of Life.
- 2 Onward, Christians, onward go,
Join the war, and face the foe;
Will ye flee in danger's hour?
Know ye not your Captain's power?
- 3 Let your drooping hearts be glad;
March in heavenly armour clad;
Fight, nor think the battle long:
Victory soon shall tune your song.
- 4 Let not sorrow dim your eye,
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not fears your course impede,
Great your strength, if great your need.
5. Onward then in battle move;
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go.

620 *The Star of Love. O. Wen'ell Holmes, 1809-94.*

OUR Father, while our hearts unlearn
The creeds that wrong thy name,
Still let our hallowed altars burn
With faith's undying flame.

2 Not by the lightning-gleams of wrath
Our souls thy face shall see:
The star of love must light the path
That leads to heaven and thee.

3 Help us to read our Master's will
Through every darkening stain
That clouds his sacred image still,
And see him once again,

4 The brother man, the pitying friend,
Who weeps for human woes,
Whose pleading words of pardon blend
With cries of raging foes.

5*If 'mid the gathering storms of doubt
Our hearts grow faint and cold,
The strength we cannot live without
Thy love will not withhold.

6. Our prayers accept, our sins forgive,
Our youthful zeal renew;
Shape for us holier lives to live,
And nobler work to do.

621 *The Eternal Order. Edward Grubb.*

OUR God, to whom we turn
When weary with illusion,
Whose stars serenely burn
Above this earth's confusion,

Thine is the mighty plan,
The steadfast order sure,
In which the world began,
Endures, and shall endure.

- 2 Thou art thyself the Truth;
Though we, who fain would find thee,
Have tried, with thoughts uncouth,
In feeble words to bind thee,
It is because thou art
We're driven to the quest;
Till truth from falsehood part
Our souls can find no rest.

- 3 All Beauty speaks of thee—
The mountains and the rivers,
The line of lifted sea,
Where spreading moonlight quivers,
The deep-toned organ blast
That rolls through arches dim—
Hints of the music vast
Of thy eternal hymn.

- 4 Wherever Goodness lurks
We catch thy tones appealing;
Where man for justice works
Thou art thyself revealing;
The blood of man, for man
On friendship's altar spilt,
Betrays the mystic plan
On which thy house is built.

- 5.*Thou hidden fount of love,
Of peace, and truth, and beauty,
Inspire us from above
With joy and strength for duty.

May thy fresh light arise
Within each clouded heart,
And give us open eyes
To see thee as thou art.

622 *Soul and Body. W. Shakespeare, 1564-1616.*

POOOR Soul, the centre of my sinful earth,
Fooled by these rebel powers that thee
array,

Why dost thou pine within, and suffer dearth,
Painting thy outward walls so costly gay?

2 Why so large cost, having so short a lease,
Dost thou upon thy fading mansion spend?
Shall worms, inheritors of this excess,
Eat up thy charge? Is this thy body's end?

3 Then, Soul, live thou upon thy servant's loss,
And let that pine to aggravate thy store;
Buy terms divine in selling hours of dross;
Within be fed, without be rich no more:

4. So shalt thou feed on death, that feeds on men,
And death once dead, there's no more dying
then.

623 *Ps. 103. H. F. Lyte, 1793-1847.*

PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
 To our fathers in distress;
 Praise him still the same for ever,
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
 Well our feeble frame he knows;
 In his hands he gently bears us,
 Rescues us from all our foes.
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
 Ye behold him face to face;
 Sun and moon, bow down before him,
 Dwellers all in time and space.
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise with us the God of grace.

624 *Ps. 148. Foundling Hospital Coll. (1796).*

PRAISE the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him;
 Praise him, angels, in the height;
 Sun and moon, rejoice before him;
 Praise him, all ye stars and light:
 Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
 Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
 Laws, which never shall be broken,
 For their guidance hath he made.

2 Praise the Lord, for he is glorious!
 Never shall his promise fail;
 God hath made his saints victorious;
 Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation;
 Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
 Heaven and earth, and all creation,
 Laud and magnify his name!

PART II

E. Osler, 1798-1863.

3. Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
 Lord, we offer to thy name;
 Young and old, thy praise expressing,
 Join their Saviour to proclaim.
 As the saints in heaven adore thee,
 We would bow before thy throne;
 As thine angels serve before thee,
 So on earth thy will be done.

625

J. H. Newman, 1801-90.

PRAISE to the Holiest in the height,
 And in the depth be praise,
 In all his words most wonderful,
 Most sure in all his ways.

- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
 When all was sin and shame,
 A second Adam to the fight
 And to the rescue came.
- 3*O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
 Which did in Adam fail,
 Should strive afresh against their foe,
 Should strive and should prevail;
- 4*And that a higher gift than grace
 Should flesh and blood refine,
 God's presence and his very self,
 And essence all-divine.

- 5 O generous love! that he who smote
 In Man for man the foe,
 The double agony in Man
 For man should undergo;
- 6 And in the garden secretly,
 And on the cross on high,
 Should teach his brethren, and inspire
 To suffer and to die.
7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
 And in the depth be praise,
 In all his words most wonderful,
 Most sure in all his ways.

626

*J. Neander, 1650-80. Tr. C. Winkworth,
 S. P. V.*

Lobe den Herren.

PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
 of creation;

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and
 salvation:

Come, ye who hear,
 Brothers and sisters, draw near,
 Praise him in glad adoration.

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
 wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently
 sustaineth:
 Hast thou not seen?
 All that is needful hath been
 Granted in what he ordaineth.

- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily
attend thee:
Ponder anew
All the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore
him!
All that hath life and breath come now with
praises before him!
Let the amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him!

627

Steuart Wilson.

- P**RAISE we the Lord, who made all beauty
For all our senses to enjoy;
Give we our humble thanks and duty
That simple pleasures never cloy;
Praise we the Lord who made all beauty
For all our senses to enjoy.
- 2 Praise him who makes our life a pleasure,
Sending us things which glad our eyes;
Thank him who gives us welcome leisure,
That in our heart sweet thoughts may rise;
Praise him who makes our life a pleasure,
Sending us things which glad our eyes.
- 3*Praise him who loves to see young lovers,
Fresh hearts that swell with youthful pride;
Thank him who sends the sun above us,
As bridegroom fit to meet his bride;

Praise him who loves to see young lovers,
Fresh hearts that swell with youthful pride.

4. Praise him who by a simple flower
Lifts up our hearts to things above;
Thank him who gives to each one power
To find a friend to know and love;
Praise him who by a simple flower
Lifts up our hearts to things above.

(Verse 1 may be repeated.)

628 *Pss. 122, 133, 116. Scottish Psalter (1650).*

PRAY that Jerusalem may have
Peace and felicity:

Let them that love thee and thy peace
Have still prosperity.

- 2 Behold how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are
In unity to dwell.
- 3 Therefore I wish that peace may still
Within thy walls remain,
And ever may thy palaces
Prosperity retain.
- 4 Now, for my friends' and brethren's sake,
Peace be in thee, I'll say;
And for the house of God our Lord
I'll seek thy good away.
- 5.* Within the courts of God's own house,
Within the midst of thee,
O City of Jerusalem,
Praise to the Lord give ye.

629

Mrs. J. C. Simpson (1831), and others.

PRAY when the morn is breaking,
 Pray when the noon is bright,
 Pray with the eve's declining,
 Pray in the hush of night:
 With mind made clear of tumult,
 All meaner thoughts away,
 Make thou thy soul transparent,
 Seek thou with God to pray.

- 2 Remember all who love thee,
 All who are loved by thee,
 And next for those that hate thee
 Pray thou, if such there be:
 Last for thyself in meekness
 A blessing humbly claim,
 And link with each petition
 Thy great Redeemer's name.
3. But if 'tis e'er denied thee
 In solitude to pray,
 Should holy thoughts come o'er thee
 Upon life's crowded way,
 E'en then the silent breathing
 That lifts thy soul above
 Shall reach the thronèd Presence
 Of mercy, truth, and love.

See also 630 below.

630

*Prayer.**J. Montgomery, 1771-1854.*

PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,
 Uttered or unexpressed;
 The motion of a hidden fire
 That trembles in the breast.

- 2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near.
- 3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.
- 4 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And cry, 'Behold, he prays!'
- 5 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death:
He enters heaven with prayer.
6. O thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer thyself hast trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray.

See also

551 Jesus, where'er

| 629 Pray when the morn

631

Y. H.

REJOICE, O land, in God thy might;
His will obey, him serve aright;
For thee the saints uplift their voice:
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

- 2 Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;
Yea, love with thee shall make his home
Until thou see God's Kingdom come.

3. He shall forgive thy sins untold:
Remember thou his love of old;
Walk in his way, his word adore,
And keep his truth for evermore.

632

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

REJOICE ! The Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

- 2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
- 3 His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
4. He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:

633

Alfred Tennyson, 1809-92.

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

RING out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

- 2 Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
- 3 Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
- 4 Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
5. Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

634

John Milton, 1608-74.

- R**ING out, ye crystal spheres!
Once bless our human ears,
If ye have power to touch our senses so;
And let your silver chime
Move in melodious time;
And let the bass of heaven's deep organ blow;
And with your ninefold harmony
Make up full consort to the angelic symphony.
- 2 For if such holy song
Enwrap our fancy long,
Time will run back, and fetch the age of gold;
And speckled vanity
Will sicken soon and die,
And leprous sin will melt from earthly
mould;

And hell itself will pass away,
And leave her dolorous mansions to the peering
day.

3. Yea, truth and justice then
Will down return to men,
Orbed in a rainbow; and, like glories wearing,
Mercy will sit between
Throned in celestial sheen,
With radiant feet the tissued clouds down
steering;
And heaven, as at some festival,
Will open wide the gates of her high palace hall.

635

W. P. Merrill.

RISE up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings.

- 2 Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.
- 3 Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait:
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!
4. Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod,
As brothers of the Son of Man
Rise up, O men of God!

636

A. M. Toplady, † 1740-78.

ROCK of ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in thee;
 Let the water and the blood,
 From thy riven side which flowed,
 Be of sin the double cure:
 Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

- 2* Not the labours of my hands
 Can fulfil thy law's demands;
 Could my zeal no respite know,
 Could my tears for ever flow,
 All for sin could not atone:
 Thou must save, and thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
 Simply to thy cross I cling;
 Naked, come to thee for dress;
 Helpless, look to thee for grace;
 Foul, I to the fountain fly;
 Wash me, Saviour, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
 When mine eyes are closed in death,
 When I soar through tracts unknown,
 See thee on thy judgment throne;
 Rock of ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in thee.

637

Arthur Hugh Clough, 1819-61.

SAY not, 'The struggle nought availeth,
 The labour and the wounds are vain,
 The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
 And as things have been they remain.'

- 2 If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;
 It may be, in yon smoke concealed,
 Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,
 And, but for you, possess the field.
- 3 For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,
 Seem here no painful inch to gain,
 Far back, through creeks and inlets making,
 Comes silent, flooding in, the main.
4. And not by eastern windows only,
 When daylight comes, comes in the light;
 In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
 But westward, look, the land is bright!

638

G. W. Briggs.

SHALL God not share
 His children's care,

If such a heart as mine their sorrows heedeth?
 Can my poor love
 Rise high above
 The love of him from whom all love proceedeth?

- 2 How dull and blind
 Our doubting mind!
 Not higher than its source can rise the river;
 Forgive, dear Lord,
 Each foolish word,
 Each faithless thought, of thee the only Giver.
3. Boundless and free
 Thy love must be,
 If thou hast planted in our hearts such treasure:
 Love infinite,
 Its depth and height,
 Its breadth, the Infinite alone can measure!

(The first line of each verse is sung twice.)

639

Thomas Campian, 1567-1620.

SING a song of joy, praise our God with
mirth.

His flock who can destroy? Is he not Lord of
heaven and earth?

- 2 Sing we then secure, tuning well our strings,
With voice as echo pure, let us renown the King
of Kings.
- 3 First who taught the day from the east to rise?
Whom doth the sun obey when in the seas his
glory dies?
- 4 He the stars directs that in order stand:
Who heaven and earth protects but he that
framed them with his hand?
- 5 All that dread his name, and his hests observe,
His arm will shield from shame, their steps
from truth shall never swerve.
6. Let us then rejoice, sounding loud his praise,
So will he hear our voice, and bless on earth
our peaceful days.

640

P. Dearmer.

SING praise to God, who spoke through man
In differing times and manners,
For those great seers who've led the van,
Truth writ upon their banners;
For those who once blazed out the way,
For those who still lead on to-day,
To God be thanks and glory.

- 2 For Amos, of the prophets first
The vast confusion rending
Of many gods that blest or curst,
To find One, Good, Transcending;
For all who taught mankind to rise
Out of the old familiar lies,
To God be thanks and glory.
- 3 For Socrates who, phrase by phrase,
Talked men to truth, unshrinking,
And left for Plato's mighty grace
To mould our ways of thinking;
For all who wrestled, sane and free,
To win the unseen reality,
To God be thanks and glory.
4. For all the poets, who have wrought
Through music, words, and vision
To tell the beauty of God's thought
By art's sublime precision,
Who bring our highest dreams to shape
And help the soul in her escape,
To God be thanks and glory.

641

C. Wesley, 1707-88.

SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on;

Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through his eternal Son;

- 2 Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in his mighty power;
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

- 3 Stand then in his great might,
With all his strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.
- 4 To keep your armour bright
Attend with constant care,
Still walking in your Captain's sight,
And watching unto prayer.
- 5 From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day;
6. That having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
And stand entire at last.

642

Bp. W. W. How, 1823-97.

- S**OLDIERS of the cross, arise!
Gird you with your armour bright;
Mighty are your enemies,
Hard the battle ye must fight.
- 2 'Mid the homes of want and woe,
Strangers to the living word,
Let the Saviour's herald go,
Let the voice of hope be heard.
 - 3 Where the shadows deepest lie,
Carry truth's unsullied ray;
Where are crimes of blackest dye,
There the saving sign display.

- 4 To the weary and the worn
Tell of realms where sorrows cease;
To the outcast and forlorn
Speak of mercy and of peace.
- 5* Guard the helpless; seek the strayed;
Comfort troubles; banish grief;
In the might of God arrayed,
Scatter sin and unbelief.
6. Be the banner still unfurled,
Still unsheathed the Spirit's sword,
Till the kingdoms of the world
Are the Kingdom of the Lord.

643

W. Cowper, 1731-1800.

- SOMETIMES a light surprises
The Christian while he sings:
It is the Lord who rises
With healing in his wings;
When comforts are declining
He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining
To cheer it after rain.
- 2 In holy contemplation
We sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation,
And find it ever new:
Set free from present sorrow,
We cheerfully can say,
E'en let the unknown to-morrow
Bring with it what it may.

3. Though vine nor fig-tree neither
Their wonted fruit should bear,
Though all the fields should wither,
Nor flocks nor herds be there;
Yet, God the same abiding,
His praise shall tune my voice;
For, while in him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

644

J. Montgomery, † 1771-1854.

SONGS of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with alleluyas rang,
When creation was begun,
When God spake and it was done.

- 2 Songs of praise awoke the morn
When the Prince of Peace was born:
Songs of praise arose when he
Captive led captivity.
- 3* Heaven and earth must pass away,
Songs of praise shall crown that day;
God will make new heavens and earth,
Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
- 4* And will man alone be dumb
Till that glorious kingdom come?
No, the Church delights to raise
Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
- 5 Saints below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice,
Learning here by faith and love
Songs of praise to sing above.

6. Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
 Father, unto thee we raise;
 Jesus, glory unto thee,
 With the Spirit ever be.

645 *The Message.* J. F. Bahnmaier, 1774-1841.
 Walte fürder, nah und fern. Fr. S. P.

SPREAD, still spread, thou mighty word,
 Show the Kingdom of the Lord,
 Spread to every soul on earth,
 Tell them their immortal worth.

- 2 Tell them how the Father's will
 Made the world, and makes it still,
 How the Christ proclaimed his love,
 Taught the wisdom from above.
- 3 Mighty word of many hues,
 Heavenward pointing, tell the news,
 Word, by thy divine impact,
 Teach men how to will and act.
- 4 Word of life, so clean and strong,
 Word for which the nations long,
 Spread, till from its tangled night
 All the earth stirs up to light.
- 5*Lo, the world is ripe to win!
 Up, and bring the harvest in!
 Though the reapers still are few,
 Vast the work they have to do.
6. Father, great and good, we ask
 Nerve and courage for the task,
 Joyfully thy love to blaze
 O'er the earth's unlighted ways.

646

G. Duffield,† 1818-88.

STAND up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross
Lift high his royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army he shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The solemn watchword hear:
If while ye sleep he suffers,
Away with shame and fear;
Where'er ye meet with evil,
Within you or without,
Charge for the God of freedom,
And put the foe to rout.

3*Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey:
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

4*Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there!

5. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
 The strife will not be long;
 This day the noise of battle,
 The next the victor's song.
 To him that overcometh
 A crown of life shall be;
 He with the King of Glory
 Shall reign eternally.

647 *Duty.* *W. Wordsworth, 1770-1850.*

STERN daughter of the Voice of God?
 O Duty! if that name thou love,
 Who art a light to guide, a rod
 To check the erring, and reprove;
 Thou, who art victory and law
 When empty terrors overawe,
 From vain temptations dost set free,
 And calm'st the weary strife of frail humanity.

- 2 Serene will be our days and bright,
 And happy will our nature be,
 When love is an unerring light,
 And joy its own security;
 And they a blissful course may hold
 Even now, who, not unwisely bold,
 Live in the spirit of this creed,
 Yet seek thy firm support, according to their
 need.
- 3 Stern lawgiver! yet thou dost wear
 The Godhead's most benignant grace;
 Nor know we anything so fair
 As is the smile upon thy face:

Flowers laugh before thee on their beds
 And fragrance in thy footing treads;
 Thou dost preserve the stars from wrong;
 And the most ancient heavens, through thee,
 are fresh and strong.

- 4.*To humbler functions, awful power,
 I call thee! I myself commend
 Unto thy guidance from this hour;
 O let my weakness have an end!
 Give unto me, made lowly wise,
 The spirit of self-sacrifice;
 The confidence of reason give,
 And in the light of truth thy bondman let me
 live!

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Alfred Tennyson, 1809-92.

STRONG Son of God, immortal Love,
 Whom we, that have not seen thy face,
 By faith, and faith alone, embrace,
 Believing where we cannot prove:

- 2 Thou wilt not leave us in the dust;
 Thou madest man, he knows not why;
 He thinks he was not made to die:
 And thou hast made him: thou art just.
- 3 Thou seemest human and divine,
 The highest, holiest manhood thou:
 Our wills are ours, we know not how;
 Our wills are ours, to make them thine.
4. Our little systems have their day;
 They have their day and cease to be:
 They are but broken lights of thee,
 And thou, O Lord, art more than they.

649 *Crossing the Bar.**Alfred Tennyson, 1809-92.*

SUNSET and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

2 But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless
deep
Turns again home.

3 Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

4. For though from out our bourne of time and
place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

650 *Virtue.**George Herbert, 1593-1633.*

SWEET day, so cool, so calm, so bright,
The bridal of the earth and sky,
The dew shall weep thy fall to-night;
For thou must die.

2 Sweet rose, whose hue, angry and brave,
Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye,
Thy root is ever in its grave,
And thou must die.

- 3 Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses,
A box where sweets compacted lie,
My music shows you have your closes,
And all must die.
4. Only a sweet and virtuous soul,
Like seasoned timber, never gives;
But, though the whole world turn to coal,
Then chiefly lives.

651 *The Rapture. Thomas Traherne, 1637-74.*

- S**WEET Infancy!
O heavenly fire! O sacred light!
How fair and bright!
How great am I
Whom the whole world doth magnify!
- 2 O heavenly joy!
O great and sacred blessedness
Which I possess!
So great a joy
Who did into my arms convey?
- 3 From God above
Being sent, the gift doth me enflame
To praise his name;
The stars do move,
The sun doth shine, to show his love.
4. O how divine
Am I! To all this sacred wealth,
This life and health,
Who raised? Who mine
Did make the same? What hand divine!

652 *The Elixir.* *George Herbert, 1593-1633.*

TEACH me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see,
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee.

- 2 A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heaven espy.
- 3 All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture, 'for thy sake,'
Will not grow bright and clean.
- 4 A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.
5. This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

653 *Ps. 23.* *George Herbert, 1593-1633.*

THE God of love my shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed;
While he is mine and I am his,
What can I want or need?

- 2 He leads me to the tender grass,
Where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass:
In both I have the best.

- 3 Or if I stray, he doth convert,
And bring my mind in frame,
And all this not for my desert,
But for his holy name.
- 4 Yea, in death's shady black abode
Well may I walk, not fear;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
To guide, thy staff to bear.
5. Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
Shall measure all my days;
And, as it never shall remove,
So neither shall my praise.

(See also 654, 656.)

654 *Ps. 23. Sir H. W. Baker, 1821-77.*

- T**HE King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 Thy unction grace bestoweth:
 And O what transport of delight
 From thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 Within thy house for ever.

655

W. C. Gannett, 1840-1923.

- THE Lord is in his holy place
 In all things near and far:
 Shekinah of the snowflake he,
 And glory of the star,
 And secret of the April land
 That stirs the fields to flowers,
 Whose little tabernacles rise
 To hold him through the hours.
- 2 He hides himself within the love
 Of those whom we love best;
 The smiles and tones that make our homes
 Are shrines by him possessed;
 He tents within the lonely heart
 And shepherds every thought;
 We find him not by seeking long,
 We lose him not, unsought.
3. Our art may build its Holy Place,
 Our feet on Sinai stand,
 But Holiest of Holy knows
 No tread, no touch of hand;
 The listening soul makes Sinai still
 Wherever we may be,
 And in the vow, 'Thy will be done',
 Lies all Gethsemane.

(Shekinah, *the visible glory of God*. See e. g. *Ex.* xl: 34.)

656 *Ps. 23.* *J. Addison, 1672-1719.*

THE Lord my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care;
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye;
My noonday walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

- 2 When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty mountain pant,
To fertile vales and dewy meads
My weary wandering steps he leads,
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
Amid the verdant landscape flow.
- 3 Though in a bare and rugged way
Through devious lonely wilds I stray,
Thy bounty shall my pains beguile;
The barren wilderness shall smile
With sudden greens and herbage crowned,
And streams shall murmur all around.
4. Though in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For thou, O Lord, art with me still:
Thy friendly crook shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dreadful shade.

657 *Ps. 148.* *George Wither, 1588-1667.*

THE Lord of Heaven confess;
On high his glory raise:
Him let all angels bless,
Him all his armies praise.

Him glorify
 Sun, moon, and stars;
 Ye higher spheres,
 And cloudy sky.

- 2 Praise God from earth below,
 Ye dragons, and ye deeps,
 Fire, hail, clouds, wind, and snow,
 Whom in command he keeps.

Praise ye his name,
 Hills great and small,
 Trees low and tall,
 Beasts wild and tame.

3. O let God's name be praised
 Above both earth and sky;
 For he his saints hath raised,
 And set their horn on high;
 Yea, they that are
 Of Israel's race,
 Are in his grace
 And ever dear.

658 *Pss. 82, 85-6. J. Milton (cento), 1608-74.*

THE Lord will come and not be slow,
 His footsteps cannot err;
 Before him righteousness shall go,
 His royal harbinger.

- 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
 Shall bud and blossom then;
 And justice, from her heavenly bower,
 Look down on mortal men.
- 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
 This wicked earth redress;
 For thou art he who shalt by right
 The nations all possess.

- 4 The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.
5. For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

659

J. Addison, 1672-1719.

- THE spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun from day to day
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land
The works of an almighty hand.
- 2 Soon as the evening shades prevail
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth;
Whilst all the stars that round her burn
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings, as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.
 3. What though in solemn silence all
Move round the dark terrestrial ball;
What though nor real voice nor sound
Amid their radiant orbs be found;
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice;
For ever singing as they shine,
'The hand that made us is divine.'

660 *Scripture.**G. W. Briggs.*

THE Spirit of the Lord revealed
 His will to saints of old,
 Their heart and mind and lips unsealed
 His glory to unfold:
 In gloom of ancient night
 They witnessed to the dawning word,
 And in the coming of the light
 Proclaimed the coming Lord.

- 2 The prophets passed: at length there came,
 To sojourn and abide,
 The Word incarnate, to whose name
 The prophets testified:
 The twilight overpast,
 Himself the very Light of light,
 As man with men, revealed at last
 The Father to our sight.
3. Eternal Spirit, who dost speak
 To mind and conscience still,
 That we, in this our day, may seek
 To do our Father's will:
 Thy word of life impart,
 That tells of Christ, the living Way;
 Give us the quiet humble heart
 To hear and to obey.

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661

Y. H.

THEE will I love, my God and King,
 Thee will I sing,
 My strength and tower:
 For evermore thee will I trust,
 O God most just
 Of truth and power;

Who all things hast
In order placed,
Yea, for thy pleasure hast created;
And on thy throne
Unseen, unknown,
Reignest alone
In glory seated.

- 2 Set in my heart thy love I find;
My wandering mind
To thee thou leadest:
My trembling hope, my strong desire
With heavenly fire
Thou kindly feedest.
Lo, all things fair
Thy path prepare,
Thy beauty to my spirit calleth,
Thine to remain
In joy or pain,
And count it gain
Whate'er befalleth.
3. O more and more thy love extend,
My life befriend
With heavenly pleasure;
That I may win thy paradise,
Thy pearl of price,
Thy countless treasure;
Since but in thee
I can go free
From earthly care and vain oppression,
This prayer I make
For Jesus' sake
That thou me take
In thy possession.

662

Robert Browning, 1812-89.

THEN welcome each rebuff

That turns earth's smoothness rough,
Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand but go!
Be our joys three parts pain!
Strive, and hold cheap the strain;
Learn, nor account the pang; dare, never
grudge the throe!

2 Yet gifts should prove their use:

I own the Past profuse
Of power each side, perfection every turn:
Eyes, ears took in their dole,
Brain treasured up the whole;
Should not the heart beat once 'How good to
live and learn!'

3 Not once beat 'Praise be thine!

I see the whole design,
I who saw power, see now love perfect too:
Perfect I call thy plan:
Thanks that I was a man!
Maker, remake, complete; I trust what thou
shalt do.'

4. So, take and use thy work!

Amend what flaws may lurk,
What strain o' the stuff, what warpings past
the aim!
My times be in thy hand!
Perfect the cup as planned!
Let age approve of youth, and death complete
the same!

663

Geoffrey Dearmer.

THERE are a myriad means, O Lord,
By which we hear and see
The echo of thy living word,
The shadow thrown by thee;
Thy glory is beyond the powers
Of any instrument of ours.

- 2 The hueless wind is all thy breath,
And every stream a vein;
Time is the heart that beats beneath
The organ of thy brain,
Which is the unbounded vast of space,
And every open flower thy face.
- 3 The world's wide arches heavenward fly
From pillars of the air:
Behold now in the eastern sky
The great rose window flare,
As day reveals beneath the dome
The old familiar streets of home.
- 4 We have the power to make or mar
This heritage and home:
Lord, look not on us as we are
But as we shall become,
When we have made on earth complete
Thy Kingdom where all kingdoms meet.
- 5.*To thee, O young and princely Heart,
All living things return:
We love not them and thee apart,
For through that love we learn
In them to feel and hear and see
The radiant certainty of thee.

664

J. Keble, 1792-1866.

THERE is a book who runs may read,
Which heavenly truth imparts;
And all the lore its scholars need,
Pure eyes and Christian hearts.

2 The works of God, above, below,
Within us and around,
Are pages in that book, to show
How God himself is found.

3 The glorious sky, embracing all,
Is like the Maker's love,
Wherewith encompassed, great and small
In peace and order move.

4* The moon above, the Church below,
A wondrous race they run;
But all their radiance, all their glow,
Each borrows of its sun.

5* The raging fire, the roaring wind,
Thy boundless power display;
But in the gentler breeze we find
Thy Spirit's viewless way.

6* Two worlds are ours: 'tis only sin
Forbids us to descry
The mystic heaven and earth within,
Plain as the sea and sky.

7. Thou, who hast given me eyes to see
And love this sight so fair,
Give me a heart to find out thee,
And read thee everywhere.

665

Mrs. Jane Crewdson, 1809-63.

THERE is no sorrow, Lord, too slight
To bring in prayer to thee;
There is no burdening care too light
To wake thy sympathy.

2 Thou who hast trod the thorny road
Wilt share each small distress;
The love which bore the greater load
Will not refuse the less.

3 There is no secret sigh we breathe
But meets thine ear divine;
And every cross grows light beneath
The shadow, Lord, of thine.

4. Life's ills without, sin's strife within,
The heart would overflow,
But for that love which died for sin,
That love which wept with woe

666

F. W. Faber, 1814-63.

THERE 'S a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There 's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given,

3 There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

- 4 For the love of God is broader
 Than the measures of man's mind;
 And the heart of the Eternal
 Is most wonderfully kind:
- 5 But we make his love too narrow
 By false limits of our own;
 And we magnify his strictness
 With a zeal he will not own.
6. If our love were but more simple,
 We should take him at his word;
 And our lives would be all sunshine
 In the sweetness of our Lord.

667

Robert Browning, 1812-89.

THERE 'S heaven above, and night by night
 I look right through its gorgeous roof;
 No suns and moons though e'er so bright
 Avail to stop me; splendour-proof,
 I keep the brood of stars aloof.

- 2 For I intend to get to God,
 For 'tis to God I speed so fast,
 For in God's breast, my own abode,
 Those shoals of dazzling glory passed,
 I lay my spirit down at last.
- 3*I lie where I have always lain,
 God smiles as he has always smiled;
 Ere suns and moons could wax and wane,
 Ere stars were thundergirt, or piled
 The heavens, God thought on me his child.
4. God, whom I praise: how could I praise,
 If such as I might understand,
 Make out and reckon on his ways,
 And bargain for his love, and stand,
 Paying a price, at his right hand!

668

George MacDonald, 1824-1905.

THEY all were looking for a king
 To slay their foes, and lift them high:
 Thou cam'st a little baby thing
 That made a woman cry.

- 2 O son of man, to right my lot
 Nought but thy presence can avail;
 Yet on the road thy wheels are not,
 Nor on the sea thy sail!
3. My fancied ways why should'st thou heed?
 Thou com'st down thine own secret stair;
 Com'st down to answer all my need,
 Yea, every bygone prayer!

669

*Agrapha.**G. D.*

THOSE who love and those who labour
 follow in the way of Christ;
 Thus the first disciples found him, thus the
 gift of love sufficed.

Jesus says to those who seek him, I will never
 pass thee by;

Raise the stone and thou shalt find me; cleave
 the wood, and there am I.

- 2 Where the many work together, they with God
 himself abide.
 But the lonely worker also finds him ever at
 his side.
 Lo, the Prince of common welfare dwells
 within the market strife;
 Lo, the bread of heaven is broken in the
 sacrament of life.

3. Let the seeker never falter till he finds himself
afar
With the great men of the ages underneath a
giant star,
With the rich man and the poor man, of the
sum of things possessed,
Like a child at first to wonder, like a king at
last to rest.

670

Francis Quarles, 1592-1644.

- THOU art my life; if thou but turn away
My life's a thousand deaths: thou art my
way;
Without thee, Lord, I travel not, but stray.
- 2 My light thou art; without thy glorious sight
My eyes are darkened with perpetual night:
My God, thou art my way, my life, my light.
- 3 Thou art my way; I wander, if thou fly:
Thou art my light; if hid, how blind am I!
Thou art my life; if thou withdraw, I die.
4. Disclose thy sunbeams; close thy wings and
stay;
See, see how I am blind, and dead, and stray,
O thou that art my light, my life, my way!

671

*G. Tersteegen, 1697-1769.**Tr. J. Wesley, 1703-91.*

Verborgne Gottesliebe.

THOU hidden Love of God, whose height,
Whose depth unfathomed, no man knows,
I see from far thy beauteous light,
Inly I sigh for thy repose;
My heart is pained, nor can it be
At rest till it finds rest in thee.

- 2 'Tis mercy all, that thou hast brought
 My mind to seek her peace in thee;
 Yet, while I seek but find thee not,
 No peace my wandering soul shall see.
 O when shall all my wanderings end,
 And all my steps to thee-ward tend?
- 3* Thy secret voice invites me still
 The sweetness of thy yoke to prove;
 And fain I would; but, though my will
 Seem fixed, yet wide my passions rove;
 Yet hindrances strew all the way;
 I aim at thee, yet from thee stray.
4. O Love! Thy sovereign aid impart
 To save me from low-thoughted care;
 Chase this self-will through all my heart,
 Through all its latent mazes there;
 Make me thy duteous child, that I
 Ceaseless may 'Abba, Father,' cry!

672 *Judgment.**P. Dearmer.*

- THOU Judge by whom each Empire fell,
 When pride of power o'ercame it,
 Convict us now, if we rebel;
 Our nation judge, and shame it:
 In each sharp crisis, Lord, appear,
 Forgive, and show our duty clear—
 To serve thee by repentance.
- 2 Search, Lord, our spirits in thy sight,
 In best and worst reveal us;
 Shed on our souls a blaze of light,
 And judge, that thou may'st heal us.
 The present be our Judgment Day,
 When all our lack thou dost survey:
 Show us ourselves and save us.

3. Lo, fearing nought we come to thee,
Though by our fault confounded;
Though selfish, mean, and base we be,
Thy justice is unbounded,
So large, it nought but love requires,
And, judging, pardons, frees, inspires.
Deliver us from evil!

673 *Truth.* *Eliza Scudder, 1821-96.*

THOU long disowned, reviled, oppressed,
Strange friend of human kind,
Seeking through weary years a rest
Within our heart to find.

- 2 How late thy bright and awful brow
Breaks through these clouds of sin!
Hail, Truth divine! we know thee now;
Angel of God, come in!
- 3 Come, though with purifying fire
And desolating sword;
Thou of all nations the desire,
Earth waits thy cleansing word.
- 4 Struck by the lightning of thy glance,
Let old oppressions die:
Before thy cloudless countenance
Let fear and falsehood fly.
- 5 Anoint our eyes with healing grace,
To see, as ne'er before,
Our Father in our brother's face,
Our Master in his poor.

- 6.* Flood our dark life with golden day:
 Convince, subdue, enthrall;
 Then to a mightier yield thy sway,
 And Love be all in all.

(This hymn may be begun at verse 3.)

See also

597 O God of truth

674 *The Vine.*

T. S. N.

THOU true Vine, that heals the nations,
 Tree of life, thy branches we.
 They who leave thee fade and wither,
 None bear fruit except in thee.
 Cleanse us, make us sane and simple,
 Till we merge our lives in thine,
 Gain ourselves in thee, the Vintage,
 Give ourselves through thee, the Vine.

2. Nothing can we do without thee;
 On thy life depends each one;
 If we keep thy words and love thee,
 All we ask for shall be done.
 May we, loving one another,
 Radiant in thy light abide;
 So through us, made fruitful by thee,
 Shall our God be glorified.

675

John Mason, c. 1645-94.

THOU wast, O God, and thou wast blest,
 Before the world began;
 Of thine eternity possessest
 Before time's hour-glass ran.
 Thou needest none thy praise to sing,
 As if thy joy could fade;
 Could'st thou have needed anything,
 Thou could'st have nothing made.

- 2 Great and good God, it pleased thee
Thy Godhead to declare;
And what thy goodness did decree
Thy greatness did prepare;
Thou spak'st, and heaven and earth appeared,
And answered to thy call;
As if their maker's voice they heard,
Which is the creature's all.
3. To whom, Lord, should I sing, but thee,
The maker of my tongue?
Lo, other lords would seize on me,
But I to thee belong.
As waters haste into their sea,
And earth into its earth,
So let my soul return to thee,
From whom it had its birth.

676

William Gaskell, 1805-84.

THOUGH lowly here our lot may be,
High work have we to do—
In faith and trust to follow him
Whose lot was lowly too.

- 2 Our days of darkness we may bear,
Strong in our Father's love;
We lean on his almighty arm,
And fix our hopes above.
- 3 Our lives enriched with gentle thoughts
And loving deeds may be,
As streams that still the nobler grow,
The nearer to the sea.

4 To duty firm, to conscience true,
However tried and pressed,
In God's clear sight high work we do,
If we but do our best.

5. Thus may we make the lowliest lot
With rays of glory bright;
Thus may we turn a crown of thorns
Into a crown of light.

677 *Ps. 34. N. Tate and N. Brady (New Version, 1696).*

THROUGH all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

2 O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came.

3*The hosts of God encamped around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
Who on his succour trust.

4 O make but trial of his love;
Experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.

5 Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight,
Your wants shall be his care.

6. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 The God whom we adore,
 Be glory, as it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.

678

*B. S. Ingemann, 1789-1862.
 Tr. S. Baring-Gould.*

Igjennem Nat og Trængsel.

THROUGH the night of doubt and sorrow
 Onward goes the pilgrim band,
 Singing songs of expectation,
 Marching to the Promised Land.

- 2 Clear before us through the darkness
 Gleams and burns the guiding light;
 Brother clasps the hand of brother,
 Stepping fearless through the night.
- 3 One the light of God's own presence
 O'er his ransomed people shed,
 Chasing far the gloom and terror,
 Brightening all the path we tread;
- 4 One the object of our journey,
 One the faith which never tires,
 One the earnest looking forward,
 One the hope our God inspires:
- 5*One the strain that lips of thousands
 Lift as from the heart of one;
 One the conflict, one the peril,
 One the march in God begun;
- 6.*One the gladness of rejoicing
 On the far eternal shore,
 Where the one almighty Father
 Reigns in love for evermore.

679

Thomas Moore, 1779-1852.

THY heaven, on which 'tis bliss to look,
Shall be my pure and shining book,
Where I shall read, in words of flame,
The glories of thy wondrous name.

- 2 There's nothing bright, above, below,
From flowers that bloom to stars that glow,
But in its light my soul can see
Some feature of thy deity:
3. There's nothing dark, below, above,
But in its gloom I trace thy love,
And meekly wait that moment, when
Thy touch shall turn all bright again.

680

F. L. Hosmer, 1840-1929.

THY Kingdom come! on bended knee
The passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see
On earth that Kingdom's day:

- 2 But the slow watches of the night
Not less to God belong;
And for the everlasting right
The silent stars are strong.
- 3 And lo, already on the hills
The flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
Proclaim the day is near:
- 4 The day in whose clear-shining light
All wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might,
And every hurt be healed;

5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
 Shall walk the earth abroad:
 The day of perfect righteousness,
 The promised day of God.

681 *The Supreme Values.*

J. Addington Symonds, 1840-93.

TO God, the everlasting, who abides,
 One Life within things infinite that die;
 To him whose unity no thought divides:
 Whose breath is breathèd through immen-
 sity!

- 2 Him neither eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard;
 Nor reason, seated in the souls of men,
 Though pondering oft on the mysterious word,
 Hath e'er revealed his Being to mortal ken.
- 3 Only we feel him; and in aching dreams,
 Swift intuitions, pangs of keen delight,
 The sudden vision of his glory seems
 To sear our souls, dividing the dull night:
- 4 And we yearn toward him: Beauty, Goodness,
 Truth,
 These three are one; one life, one thought,
 one being;
 One source of still rejuvenescent youth;
 One light for endless and unclouded seeing.
5. O God, unknown, invisible, secure,
 Whose Being by dim resemblances we guess,
 Who in man's fear and love abidest sure,
 Whose power we feel in darkness and con-
 fess!

682

William Blake, 1757-1827.

TO Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
 All pray in their distress,
 And to these virtues of delight
 Return their thankfulness.

- 2 For Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
 Is God our Father dear;
 And Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
 Is Man, his child and care.
- 3 For Mercy has a human heart,
 Pity, a human face,
 And Love, the human form divine,
 And Peace, the human dress.
4. Then every man, of every clime,
 That prays in his distress,
 Prays to the human form divine,
 Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.

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*God's Name.**P. Dearmer*

TO the Name that is salvation
 Praise and homage let us pay;
 Life of every generation,
 Law that all the stars obey,
 Love and light by whose creation
 All that is stands fast to-day.

- 2 Fairest Name beyond all speaking,
 Fullest end of all desire;
 Close, yet far beyond all seeking,
 Goodness, beauty, truth, entire;
 Wisdom, never vengeance wreaking,
 Radiance never vexed with ire.

- 3 'Tis the Name of mercy, speeding
Just and unjust with his ray;
Power that rules by patient leading,
Not by force, the easier way,
So that man, in freedom heeding,
May the law of love obey.
- 4 Name of awe and Name of pleasure,
Glow divine of grace untold,
Sum of values, whose full treasure
Striving art can ne'er unfold;
Sea of virtue passing measure,
Life that doth all life uphold.
5. Hail, O Father, all creating
Now, as when the world began;
Master Mind, amazed we hail thee,
As the light-year depths we scan;
Spirit of transcendent union,
True and just thy ways to man!

684 *Magnificat.* Thomas Hardy, 1840-1928.

TO thee whose eye all nature owns,
Who hurlest dynasts from their thrones
And liftest those of low estate,
We sing, with her men consecrate!

- 2 Yea, Great and Good, thee, thee, we hail,
Who shak'st the strong, who shield'st the frail,
Who hadst not shaped such souls as we
If tender mercy lacked in thee.
- 3 Though times be when the mortal moan
Seems unascending to thy throne;
Though seers do not as yet explain
Why suffering sobs to thee in vain;

- 4 We hold that thy unscanted scope
Affords a food for final hope,
That mild-eyed Prescience ponders nigh
Life's loom, to lull it by and by.
- 5 Therefore we quire to highest height
The Wellwiller, the kindly Might
That balances the Vast for weal,
That purges as by wounds to heal.
- 6* The systemed suns the skies enscroll
Obey thee in their rhythmic roll,
Ride radiantly at thy command,
Are darkened by thy master-hand.
- 7* And these pale panting multitudes
Seen surging here, their moils, their moods,
All shall fulfil their joy in thee,
In thee abide eternally.
8. Exultant adoration give
The Alone, through whom all living live,
The Alone, in whom all dying die,
Whose means the End shall justify!

685 *Eia. Cölner Psalter, 1638. Pr. O. B. C.*

TO us in Bethlem city
Was born a little son;
In him all gentle graces
Were gathered into one,
Eia, Eia,
Were gathered into one.

- 2 And all our love and fortune
Lie in his mighty hands;
Our sorrows, joys, and failures,
He sees and understands,
Eia, Eia,
He sees and understands.

- 3 O Shepherd ever near us,
 We'll go where thou dost lead;
 No matter where the pasture,
 With thee at hand to feed,
Eia, Eia,
 With thee at hand to feed.
4. No grief shall part us from thee,
 However sharp the edge:
 We'll serve, and do thy bidding—
 O take our hearts in pledge!
Eia, Eia,
 Take thou our hearts in pledge!

(*Eia is a Latin exclamation of joy, and is pronounced 'iyah'.*)

686 Ps. 121.

Henry Vaughan the Silurist,
 1622-95.

- UP to those bright and gladsome hills,
 Whence flows my weal and mirth,
 I look, and sigh for him who fills,
 Unseen, both heaven and earth.
- 2 He is alone my help and hope,
 That I shall not be moved;
 His watchful eye is ever ope,
 And guardeth his beloved.
- 3 The glorious God is my sole stay,
 He is my sun and shade:
 The cold by night, the heat by day,
 Neither shall me invade.
4. Whether abroad, amidst the crowd,
 Or else within my door,
 He is my pillar and my cloud,
 Now and for evermore.

687

P. Nicolai, 1556-1608 Tr. S. P.

Wachet auf.

WAKE, O wake, for night is flying'
The watchmen from the heights are
crying,

Come all ye people to the tryst.
Midnight's past, the saints are saying,
The hour is come—no more delaying!
To arms, all ye that love the Christ!
Behold he comes in sight,
Raise high your cressets bright!
Alleluya!
Ring out the chime
In buoyant rhyme;
Rise up and meet him; it is time!

- 2 Now we hear the heralds singing,
And all our hearts with joy are springing;
We leap to arms with eager eyes;
Light shines clear, our star is blazing;
Comes forth our Friend with grace amazing,
His beauty, strength, and truth are ours.
All hail, thou radiant Lord,
Our crown and our reward!
Hosianna!
Lo, great and small,
We answer all,
We follow where thy voice shall call!

- 3.*Honour, fame, to thee the Giver,
From men and angel-choirs, for ever!
We see thy coming, and give praise.
Gates are open, saints receive us;
Thy Kingdom never more shall leave us,
'Twill lie about us all our days:

No pearl hath ever bought,
Nor eye nor ear hath caught
 Such a rapture!
The advent song
Shout loud and strong;
Come all, and join the festal throng!

688

W. Bullock (1854), and others.

- WE love the place, O God,
 Wherein thine honour dwells;
The joy of thine abode
 All earthly joys excels.
- 2 We love the house of prayer
 Wherein thy servants meet;
For thou, O Lord, art there,
 Thy folded flock to greet;
- 3 The font of blessing—there
 Our babes in Christ are named;
The pulpit whence we hear
 The truth in Christ proclaimed;
- 4 The altar of our faith,
 For at that board so dear
We show thy conquering death
 And find thy presence near.
- 5 We love the word of life,
 Told out in noble phrase,
Which nerves us for the strife
 And guides in all our ways.
- 6 We sing, and love the song
 That swells at morn and even,
And, loving thee, we long
 To see thy face in heaven.

- 7.*Then give us here the strength
 On earth to love thee well,
 That all may come at length
 In heaven with thee to dwell.

689

A. F.

- WE saw thee not when, far away,
 Among the hills of Galilee,
 Thou and thy brothers used to stray,
 Nor Joseph's workshop did we see;
 But we divine thy boyhood's grace,
 Shaping to serve the human race.
- 2 Unseen by us thy steadfast youth
 Long spent in homely servitude,
 Thy lips so full of fearless truth,
 Thy deeds of perfect brotherhood:
 We did not see, but we believe
 Thy way alone the world can save.
- 3 Not ours to see on mount and shore
 Thy smile, thine eyes alert and kind,
 Thy hands that sick men could restore,
 Thy heralding God's Reign and mind;
 But we do know thy Spirit's range
 Men's souls and bodies still can change.

PART II

- 4 We saw not when thou cam'st to die,
 Forsaken, mocked, and piercèd through,
 Nor heard the marvel of that cry—
 'Forgive! they know not what they do.'
 But well we know that thou didst die
 The hero of thine agony.

- 5 Nor ours to see thy form appear
 In risen power those forty days,
 To find thy sudden presence near,
 Or, at thy parting, heavenward gaze;
 But here to-day our spirit cries,
 There is no death, since thou didst rise.

Conclusion, for either Part

6. We see thee now in all mankind,
 We serve thee in each little one;
 We miss thee but when we are blind
 With careless webs ourselves have spun.
 Lord, from our eyes the hindrance tear,
 That we may see thee everywhere!

690

Christopher Smart, † 1722-71.

- WE sing of God, the mighty source
 Of all things, the stupendous force
 On which all strength depends,
 From whose right arm, beneath whose eyes,
 All period, power, and enterprise
 Commences, reigns, and ends.
- 2 Glorious the sun in mid career,
 Glorious the assembled fires appear,
 Glorious the comet's train,
 Glorious the trumpet and alarm,
 Glorious the almighty stretched-out arm,
 Glorious the enraptured main.
- 3* The world, the clustering spheres he made,
 The glorious light, the soothing shade,
 Dale, champaign, grove, and hill,
 The multitudinous abyss,
 Where secrecy remains in bliss,
 And wisdom hides her skill.

4 Strong is the lion, like a coal
His eyeball, like a bastion's mole
His chest against the foes:
Strong the gier-eagle on his sail;
Strong against tide the enormous whale
Emerges as he goes;

5. But stronger still—in earth and air,
And in the sea—the man of prayer;
And far beneath the tide,
And in the seat to faith assigned,
Where ask is have, where seek is find,
Where knock is open wide.

691

Bishop G. E. L. Cotton, 1813–66.

WE thank thee, Lord, for this fair earth,
The glittering sky, the silver sea;
For all their beauty, all their worth,
Their light and glory, come from thee.

2 Thanks for the flowers that clothe the ground,
The trees that wave their arms above,
The hills that gird our dwellings round,
As thou dost gird thine own with love.

3 Yet teach us still how far more fair,
More glorious, Father, in thy sight,
Is one pure deed, one holy prayer,
One heart that owns thy Spirit's might.

4. So, while we gaze with thoughtful eye
On all the gifts thy love has given,
Help us in thee to live and die,
By thee to rise from earth to heaven.

692

Jan Struther.

WE thank you, Lord of Heaven,
For all the joys that greet us,
For all that you have given
To help us and delight us
In earth and sky and seas;
The sunlight on the meadows,
The rainbow's fleeting wonder,
The clouds with cooling shadows,
The stars that shine in splendour—
We thank you, Lord, for these.

2 For swift and gallant horses,
For lambs in pastures springing,
For dogs with friendly faces,
For birds with music thronging
Their chantries in the trees;
For herbs to cool our fever,
For flowers of field and garden,
For bees among the clover
With stolen sweetness laden—
We thank you, Lord, for these.

3. For homely dwelling-places
Where childhood's visions linger,
For friends and kindly voices,
For bread to stay our hunger
And sleep to bring us ease;
For zeal and zest of living,
For faith and understanding,
For words to tell our loving,
For hope of peace unending—
We thank you, Lord, for these.

693

Alexander Pope, 1688-1744.

WHAT conscience dictates to be done,
Or warns me not to do,
This, teach me ever, Lord, to shun,
That, ever to pursue.

- 2 If I am right, thy grace impart
Still in the right to stay;
If I am wrong, O teach my heart
To find that better way.
- 3 Save me alike from foolish pride,
Or impious discontent
At aught thy wisdom has denied,
Or aught thy goodness lent.
4. Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the fault I see;
The mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.

694

Joseph Addison, 1672-1719.

WHEN all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

- 2 Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From whom those comforts flowed.
- 3 When in the slippery paths of youth
With heedless steps I ran,
Thine arm, unseen, conveyed me safe,
And led me up to man.

- 4* When worn with sickness oft hast thou
 With health renewed my face;
 And when in sins and sorrows sunk,
 Revived my soul with grace.
- 5 Through every period of my life
 Thy goodness I'll pursue,
 And after death in distant worlds
 The glorious theme renew.
6. Through all eternity to thee
 A joyful song I'll raise;
 For O! eternity 's too short
 To utter all thy praise.

695 *Confidence.**P. Dearmer.*

- WHEN by fear my heart is daunted,
 Thou dost hold me in thy hand;
 Prayerless, anxious, vainly haunted,
 Thou dost make my courage stand:
 Foolish worries, fretting troubles
 Melt away at thy command.
- 2 God, thou art unfailing treasure,
 Refuge thou, and faithful friend;
 Thy resources none can measure,
 Nought thy steadfastness can bend.
 Life and light and love immortal,
 Firmly we on thee depend.
3. Held by love, to peace I win me,
 Confident whate'er betide;
 Safe in hope, thy spirit in me,
 With the eternal power I hide;
 Strength and health are mine, and valour—
 Bravely over care I ride.

696

19th cent. Tr. E. Caswall and others.

Beim frühen Morgenlicht.

WHEN morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised:
Alike at work and prayer
To him I would repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

2 Whene'er the sweet church bell
 Peals over hill and dell:
 O hark to what it sings,
 As joyously it rings:

3* When sleep her balm denies,
 My silent spirit sighs:
 When evil thoughts molest,
 With this I shield my breast:

4* Does sadness fill my mind?
 A solace here I find:
 Or fades my earthly bliss?
 My comfort still is this:

5 Let earth's wide circle round
 In joyful notes resound:
 Let air, and sea, and sky
 From depth to height reply:

6.* Be this, while life is mine,
 My canticle divine:
 Be this the eternal song
 Through all the ages long:

697

J. G. Whittier, 1807-93.

- WHEN on my day of life the night is falling,
 And, in the winds from unsunned spaces
 blown,
 I hear far voices out of darkness calling
 My feet to paths unknown;
- 2 Be near me when all else is from me drifting—
 Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of shade
 and shine,
 And kindly faces, to my own uplifting
 The love which answers mine.
- 3 I have but thee, my Father! Let thy Spirit
 Be with me then to comfort and uphold;
 No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit,
 Nor street of shining gold.
- 4 Suffice it if—my good and ill unreckoned,
 And both forgiven through thy abounding
 grace—
 I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
 Unto my fitting place.
5. There, from the music round about me
 stealing,
 I fain would learn the new and holy song,
 And find at last, beneath thy trees of healing,
 The life for which I long.

(This hymn may be begun at verse 3.)

698

G. A. Studdert-Kennedy,
 1883-1929.

- WHEN through the whirl of wheels, and
 engines humming,
 Patiently powerful for the sons of men,
 Peals like a trumpet promise of his coming
 Who in the clouds is pledged to come again;

- 2 When through the night the furnace fires
a-flaring,
Shooting out tongues of flame like leaping
blood,
Speak to the heart of Love, alive and daring,
Sing of the boundless energy of God;
- 3 When in the depths the patient miner striving
Feels in his arms the vigour of the Lord,
Strikes for a kingdom and his King's arriving,
Holding his pick more splendid than the
sword;
- 4 When on the sweat of labour and its sorrow,
Toiling in twilight flickering and dim,
Flames out the sunshine of the great to-
morrow,
When all the world looks up because of
him—
5. Then will he come with meekness for his glory,
God in a workman's jacket as before,
Living again the eternal gospel story,
Sweeping the shavings from his workshop
floor.

699

T. T. Lynch, 1818-71.

WHERE is thy God, my soul?
Is he within thy heart,
Or ruler of a distant realm
In which thou hast no part?

- 2 Where is thy God, my soul?
Only in stars and sun,
Or have the holy words of truth
His light in every one?

- 3 Where is thy God, my soul?
 Confined to Scripture's page,
 Or does his Spirit check and guide
 The spirit of each age?
- 4 O ruler of the sky,
 Rule thou within my heart:
 O great adorning of the world,
 Thy light of life impart.
- 5 Giver of holy words,
 Bestow thy holy power,
 And aid me, whether work or thought
 Engage the varying hour.
6. In thee have I my help,
 As all my fathers had;
 I'll trust thee when I'm sorrowful,
 And serve thee when I'm glad.

(This hymn may be begun at verse 4.)

700

A. F.

- WHO within that stable cries,
 Gentle babe that in manger lies?
 'Tis the Lord, our heart replies.
 So follow him, his bidding do for ever:
*Together now triumphantly cry,
 Triumphantly cry, with one accord.
 We will praise and glorify
 The Christ, the Lord!
 Ever, ever,
 Jesus, beacon for our high endeavour!*
- 2 Who is he, the man full-grown,
 Working on in the busy town?
 'Tis the Lord, obscure, unknown.
 So follow him, his bidding do for ever:

- 3 Healing lame and blind and dumb,
Herald now that the Kingdom's come?
'Tis the friend of every home.
So follow him, his bidding do for ever:

PART II

- 4 Who is he whom crowds acclaim
As he enters Jerusalem?
'Tis the Lord of happy fame.
So follow him, his bidding do for ever:
- 5 Taken in Gethsemane,
Martyred on the forlorn cross-tree?
He who died for you and me.
So follow him, his bidding do for ever:
- 6 From the tomb triumphant now,
Deathless splendour upon his brow?
He to whom all creatures bow.
So follow him, his bidding do for ever:

Conclusion, for either Part

7. Passing still to every place,
Radiant friend of the human race!
'Tis the Lord, the fount of grace.
So follow him, his bidding do for ever:

(The verses may be sung as a solo, the refrain being sung by all.)

701

R. Baxter (1681), and others.

YE holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Stream at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.

- 2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
 Who ran this earthly race,
 And now, from care released,
 Behold the Saviour's face,
 God's praises sound,
 As in his sight
 With sweet delight
 Ye do abound.
- 3 Ye saints, who toil below,
 Adore your heavenly King,
 And onward as ye go
 Some joyful anthem sing;
 Take what he gives
 And praise him still,
 Through good or ill,
 Who ever lives.
4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
 Triumph in God above:
 And with a well-tuned heart
 Sing thou the songs of love.
 Let all thy days
 Till life shall end,
 Whate'er he send,
 Be filled with praise.

702

P. Doddridge,† 1702-51.

- Y**E servants of the Lord,
 Each in his office wait,
 Observant of his heavenly word,
 And watchful at his gate.
- 2 Let all your lamps be bright,
 And trim the golden flame;
 Gird up your loins as in his sight,
 For awful is his name.

- 3 Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak, he 's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.
- 4 O happy servant he,
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned.
5. Christ shall the banquet spread
With his own royal hand,
And raise that faithful servant's head
Amidst the angelic band.

703

S. P.

- Z**EAL of the Lord, for ever burning,
Thou wilt perform it by thy might.
That government for which in yearning
Men strain from darkness to great light:
His armour fails each proud transgressor,
His yoke and rod each cruel oppressor;
The world is turning for the right,
Its ancient blood-stained phantoms spurning,
And from the Prince of Peace is learning
In God's deep wisdom to unite.
2. Wisdom of God, thou heavenly sower,
On rocks, 'mid thorns, thy words alight;
Broadcast thy seed, thou truth bestower!
Good men and honest use it right,
And all shall know them by this token—
Their mutual love, unforced, unbroken,
Which friendly glows in all men's sight,
A flame of God that nought can lower.
Take then thy grain, eternal mower;
For e'en to-day the fields are white !

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°255 O Jesus, I have promised
115 O let him whose sorrow
602 O life that makest all things new
192 O Light, from age to age the same
°79 O little town of Bethlehem
323 O Lord almighty, thou whose hands
603 O Lord and Master of us all
604 O Lord, how happy should we be
605 O Lord, in me there lieth nought
606 O Lord of hosts, all heaven possessing
°251 O Lord, thy people gathered here
116 O Lord, turn not away thy face
°607 O love of God, how strong and true
608 O love who formest me to wear
235 O Master, it is good to be
434 O most high, almighty, good Lord God
276 O most merciful
283 O perfect Love, all human thought transcending
°351 O praise ye the Lord
128 O sacred head, sore wounded
°277 O Saviour victim, opening wide
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425 O sing unto the Lord a new song
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 620 Our Father, while our hearts unlearn
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 183 Our Lord, his Passion ended
 622 Poor Soul, the centre of my sinful earth
 298 Pour out thy Spirit from on high
 °413 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
 386 v Praise him, praise him, all his children
 °623 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
 °414 Praise the Lord of heaven; praise him
 °624 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him
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 627 Praise we the Lord, who made all beauty
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 °629 Pray when the morn is breaking
 °630 Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
 212 Prophets, teachers, true recorders
 341 Quick sympathy, hands that brought health

- °161 Rejoice and be glad! he lives who was slain
- °631 Rejoice, O land, in God thy might
- 632 Rejoice! The Lord is King
- 208 Rejoice, ye dead, where'er your spirits dwell
- °369 Remember all the people
- °137 Ride on! ride on in majesty
- °633 *Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky*
- 634 Ring out, ye crystal spheres
- 635 Rise up, O men of God
- 636 Rock of ages, cleft for me
- °52 Round me falls the night
- °162 Round the earth a message runs
- 53 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
- 54 Saviour, shed an evening blessing
- °370 Saviour, teach me, day by day
- 637 Say not, 'The struggle nought availeth
- 173 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph
- 213 Servants of God, or sons
- 302 Servants of the great adventure
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- 193 Sing, all good people gathered
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- 164 Sing, brothers, sing and praise your King
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398 The God of Abraham praise
°653 The God of love my Shepherd is
°94 The greatness of God in his love has been shown
175 The head that once was crowned with thorns
80 The holy Son of God most high
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°654 The King of love my Shepherd is
95 The Lord is come, on Syrian soil
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428 The Lord is my shepherd
°656 The Lord my pasture shall prepare
°657 The Lord of Heaven confess
°658 The Lord will come and not be slow

- 58 The night is come like to the day
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 °96 The race that long in darkness pined
 °130 The royal banners forward go
 228 The saint who first found grace to pen
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 °216 The Son of God goes forth to war
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